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Plea deal in the works

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REPORTER

The Office of the Attorney General has informed Superior Court judge pro tem Alberto Tolentino that it is working on a plea agreement for Gov. Ralph DLG Torres in the suit alleging misconduct in public office over premium class travel, and theft.

During a status conference last Tuesday, OAG Chief Solicitor Robert Glass informed the court that he is currently working on plea agreement for Torres.

"I'm actually working on [a plea agreement]. I do plan on submitting the plea agreement

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Afghan quake death toll rises to 1,000

By EBRAHIM NOROOZI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAYAN, Afghanistan (AP)—Survivors dug by hand Thursday through villages in eastern Afghanistan reduced to rubble by a powerful earthquake that killed at least 1,000 people, as the Taliban and the international community that fled their takeover

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'SMELLS LIKE A SEWER'

The front area of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources main office in Lower Base has constant water ponding and, according to DLNR Secretary Anthony Benavente, smells like a sewer. DLNR wants to move out of the warehouse and move to Capital Hill. The photo was taken yesterday morning.

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'No major obstacles to reaching settlement with IPI'

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REPORTER

Yeom

Commonwealth Casino Commission executive director Andrew Yeom does not see any major obstacles that would prevent reaching a settlement agreement with Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC that will resolve his five complaints that seek to revoke IPI's exclusive casino license.

At the CCC board's regular monthly meeting, Yeom told the board he believes that the parties may execute a settlement agreement before the July 8 expiration of the U.S. District Court for the NMI's temporary restraining order.

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Costly admission for DPS chief

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Department of Public Safety Commissioner Robert Guerrero essentially agrees that a judgment of over $46,000 should be made against him in the case regarding excessive overtime

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Local

Visitor arrivals up 1,386% in May, says MVA

Arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota grew 1,386% to 6,939 visitors in May 2022, compared to 467 visitors received in May 2021, according to the Marianas Visitors Authority.

The figure is the highest monthly arrivals to the Marianas since the coronavirus pandemic but is an overall decrease of 82% from 38,262 visitors received in May 2019. Also, The Marianas had no international flights in May 2021, compared to 42 international flights in May 2022, another sign of incremental tourism recovery.

"May was another step in the right direction toward recovery of the Marianas tourism economy, and we anticipate the high travel period in the summer will remain strong," said MVA managing director Priscilla M. Iakopo. "With competing destinations now open it is critical to ensure the MVA has an adequate budget in the new fiscal year to continue our forward momentum on reviving tourism, our primary economic driver in the islands."

Fueled by flights operated by five airlines arriving from Seoul and Busan, a majority of visitors in May arrived from South Korea. The Marianas' largest source market prior to the pandemic had 5,303 visitors arriving May 2022, compared to only two visitors in May 2021. Since June 1, non-vaccinated children under the age of 12 are exempted from returning quarantine in Korea, allowing families to more conveniently travel to the Marianas on summer vacation and holidays.

The Marianas received 37 visitors from Japan in May 2022, compared to seven visitors in April 2021. The MVA is in the processing of finalizing a contract to provide airline incentives for direct flights from Tokyo-Narita to resume this summer, three times a week. The MVA also reopened its Japan representative office in April 2022 to resuming marketing the destination. A Marians Seminar & Webinar with key travel agents, media, and other partners is planned for July 8 and sales calls with travel agencies, airlines and other travel partners will be held to help reboot the market.

The Marianas also received 815 visitors from Guam, 624 visitors from U.S. and a combined 160 additional visitors from all other destinations in April. ***(MVA)***

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The Mobility Space is Getting Greener in the Northern Mariana Islands

The mobility space is getting greener in the Northern Mariana Islands, as Enterprise Saipan announced today that it has acquired hybrid vehicles as part of its fleet of vehicles serving Saipan.

This investment not only supports demand for safe and reliable mobility options during the COVID-19 crisis but also demonstrates Enterprise's commitment to supporting local economies and driving forward environmentally friendly modes of transportation across the islands as they move out of travel restrictions.

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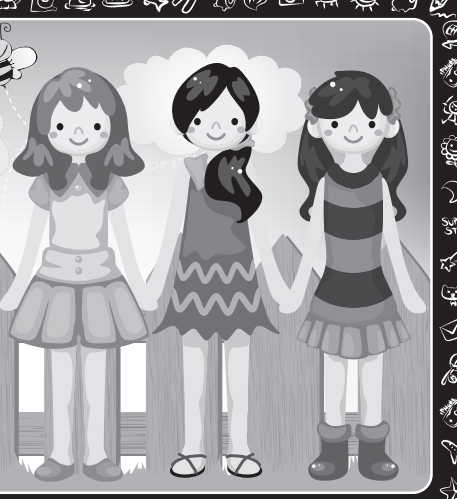

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Scheduled power service interruption on June 28

There will be a scheduled power service interruption on June 28, 2022, as the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. continues its ongoing systems maintenance.

- Time: 6am to 10am
- Area(s) affected: Garapan (Plumeria Steakhouse, Grandvrio Resort, Joeten Hafadai Shopping Center Building, ABC Store, Serenti Hotel, Cha Café & Bistro, American Pizza & Grill, Paris Croissant & Café, Panda House Waffles, New Shin Restaurant and ARC Building)
- Momentary power service interruption time: 6am to 6:30am and 9:30am to 10am
- Area(s) affected: Garapan Beach Road. See areas with green highlights on map.
- Purpose: To re-install overhear primary conductors and conductor jumpers for the two airbrake switches.
- Circuit: Feeder 2
- Water well(s) affected: None
- Wastewater facility affected: 54 Lift Station, however, no areas will be affected.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Hotline (236-4333) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates. ***(PR)***

Scheduled water service interruption on June 28

There will be a scheduled water service interruption on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, from 8:30am to 2pm for Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers along Chalan Tun Herman P. Sablan on Beach Road from the Koblerville Mobil gas Station north to the entrance of Afetnas Road in San Antonio.

The scheduled water service interruption is to allow CUC water operators to repair a 2-inch main service lateral leak located across the Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio. Water service to the affected areas will resume soon after.

CUC continues to work diligently to minimize any inconvenience to its customers. For more information, contact the CUC Hotline (236-4333) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates. ***(PR)***

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JKPL finishes summer program; mobile outreach next

By LEIGH GASES
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CORRESPONDENT

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library summer reading program officially ended its on-site sessions last Friday with 50 children for the morning session and about 40 children for the afternoon session being presented goody bags and prizes. It was also announced that the summer reading program will be going mobile to reach out to children in villages.

JKPL director Erlinda Naputi said they will begin mobilizing the book mobile to the MIHA Housing in Garapan and Koblerville to "reach out to all those underserved and underprivileged children who are unable to come to the library."

They will also be doing an outreach at the Fernando M. Benavente Memorial Library in San Antonio.

The Summer Reading Challenge, which is still ongoing, will end on July 3, which is the last day to submit their reading booklets. The winners will be announced on Aug. 6.

Naputi thanked everyone involved in the success of the summer program. "Our summer reading program has always been very successful. And they wouldn't have been that successful if it weren't for our supporters, our sponsors and our donors. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts. And I want them to know that every penny that comes into this library goes out to every single community member that comes in. Whatever investment you invest into this library, it goes out to the community and not just for certain individuals but everyone involved."

The JKPL Summer Reading Program's morning session participants pose with their goodie bags and with Americorp volunteers and library staff last Friday.

LEIGH GASES

The JKPL Summer Reading program's afternoon session participants pose with their goody bags and Americorp volunteers and library staff last Friday.

LEIGH GASES

Children from the morning session were seen at the library on their last day enjoying the prizes that were handed out to them for finishing the two-week summer reading program.

Two participants, Isamu Santos and Sumai Castro, both 7 years old, told *Saipan Tribune* that they had fun doing all program activities.

"What I liked the most was all of it. It was so fun. …I want to do the reading program again," Santos said.

Castro said, "I got to make friends and do fun activities…making our lighthouse, jellyfish, and ocean bottles."

Along with the activities at the library, the children also went on a field trip to the Guma Sakman where they were shown and taught about traditional canoes and how to read the stars for navigation.

AFGHAN

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struggled to aid the disaster's victims.

In Paktika province's hard-hit Gayan district, villagers stood atop the mud bricks that once was a home there. Others carefully walked through dirt alleyways, gripping onto damaged walls with exposed timber beams to make their way.

The quake was Afghanistan's deadliest in two decades, and officials said the toll could rise. An estimated 1,500 others were reported injured, the state-run news agency said.

The disaster inflicted by the 6-magnitude quake heaps more misery on a country where millions face increasing hunger and poverty and the health system has been crumbling since the Taliban retook power nearly 10 months ago amid the U.S. and NATO withdrawal. The takeover led to a cutoff of vital international financing, and most of the world has shunned the Taliban government.

How—and whether the Taliban allow—the world to offer aid remains in question as rescuers without heavy equipment dug through rubble with their bare hands.

"We ask from the Islamic Emirate and the whole country to come forward and help us," said a survivor who gave his name as Hakimullah. "We are with nothing and have nothing, not even a tent to live in."

The full extent of the destruction among the villages tucked in the mountains was slow in coming to light. The roads, which are rutted and difficult to travel in the best of circumstances, may have been badly damaged, and landslides from recent rains made access even more difficult.

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He disclosed that both parties have had some fierce arguments during the settlement talks, but there are no major barriers right now. Just a few more minor items need to be ironed out, which he foresees will be mutually agreed upon by next week.

Because of the TRO that's currently in place, Yeom said he does not really have much to report other than to say that he does not have a fully executed settlement agreement at this time.

He said they are close to reaching a settlement agreement but there are a few articles that they still need to deal with.

Since there is no agreement yet, his proposed motion to dismiss the five complaints against IPI is off the table for that day's board meeting.

Yeom said that when they do have the agreement in the next few days, he would be off-island by then, so the acting executive director will be the one to sign it. He said the acting executive director is fully briefed about the matter.

Yeom said the acting director will have to call a special board meeting with a three-day notice in advance for that agreement to get the board's approval.

Yeom had filed five complaints to revoke IPI's casino license for alleged unwillingness to comply with the CCC's final order by not paying the $3.1 million annual regulatory fee and $15.5 million annual exclusive casino license fee, among other violations.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona initially granted IPI's request for a TRO to prevent the CCC from holding a hearing on the five complaints last May 24 and 25, 2022. Last May 31, Manglona extended the TRO for another 30 days as the parties in the case work toward a settlement.

PLEA

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hopefully this week or next week and we can go from there," Glass said.

Meanwhile, Torres' lawyer, Victorino Torres, raised some concerns with Tolentino, stating that, with the numerous motions pending with the court and now a possible plea agreement underway, the trial setting hearing on July 5 is not realistic.

After further discussing the matter, Tolentino ordered that the trial scheduling conference set for July 5 be taken off calendar. However, the hearing on all motions presently filed is still set for June 30 at 9am and a status conference will be set seven days after the court has rendered its decision and order on the motions.

Because the court has to rule on over 11 different motions and responses, Tolentino also requested the parties to identify which motions will proceed with oral arguments.

Victorino Torres informed the court that he would give notice by June 23 on which motions the defense is willing to waive oral arguments.

One of the motions the court is set to hear is the motion on an expanded jury pool, dismissal of the OAG as a prosecutor in this case, the OAG's intent on introducing evidence of additional crimes Torres allegedly committed, and more.

Last June 3, Glass filed a notice with the court stating that he intends to introduce certain uncharged conduct of Torres at trial pursuant to Rule 404(b) of the NMI Rules of Evidence. In the notice, Glass said the evidence he intends to introduce will show proof of Torres' intent, motive, and knowledge of the crimes he allegedly committed.

However, according to an opposition filed by Torres' team of lawyers, the Commonwealth has not met its burden of proof to establish any basis for admitting each "other act" evidence under Rule 404(b) and has not met its burden of proof that the noticed evidence is relevant and not prejudicial.

Back in April 8, 2022, the Office of the Attorney General filed criminal charges against Torres alleging 12 counts of misconduct in public office and one count of theft relating to the issuance of airline tickets for premium class travel for himself and/or first lady Diann T. Torres. The governor was also accused of contempt for failure to appear in compliance with a legislative subpoena.

The jury trial was initially supposed to begin on July 5 but the date has since been vacated.

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compensation he received from Super Typhoon Yutu recovery.

According to the reply filed yesterday with the Superior Court by his lawyer, Matthew T. Gregory, Guerrero admits that a judgment should be issued on the fourth through sixth causes of action against him, resulting in a judgment of $46,982.96.

In addition, Gregory said that Guerrero admits that a judgment should issue as to the first three causes of action for declaratory relief.

However, Guerrero denies Attorney General Edward Manibusan's claim for prejudgment interest and any other relief besides the ones he admitted to.

Back in February, Manibusan sued Guerrero over allegedly excessive overtime compensation he received from Super Typhoon Yutu recovery efforts. As relief, Manibusan argued that Guerrero should be directed to return all the money he was paid in overtime.

Manibusan sought a judgment of $46,982.96 for recovery of unlawful typhoon premium payments, overtime payments, or extra payments not authorized by law, without valid appropriation, and in excess of Guerrero's salary ceiling.

Aside from returning the money, Manibusan also asked the court to declare that the personnel regulations authorizing the payment of typhoon emergency premium pay, overtime, and extra pay do not apply to gubernatorial appointees; that the director of Personnel and the governor lack the authority to authorize additional compensation except as provided by law; and that compensation in excess of the salary ceiling cannot be authorized except as provided by law.

Guerrero received typhoon emergency premium pay on multiple occasions and his typhoon emergency premium pay was paid at a rate of 2.5 times his base salary.

On Nov. 26, 2018, Guerrero received gross wages in the amount of $10,306.91 as typhoon emergency premium pay. On Dec. 21, 2018, he received gross wages in the amount of $9,917.49 as typhoon emergency premium pay. Later, on Dec. 31, 2018, the police chief received gross wages in the amount of $9,164.59 as typhoon emergency premium pay. On Nov. 11, 2019, Guerrero received gross wages in the amount of $17,504.88 as typhoon emergency premium pay.

In total, Guerrero received typhoon premium pay in the total gross amount of $46,892.96 with $29,388.08 paid in fiscal year 2019 and $17,504.88 paid in fiscal year 2020. However, all pay was for work performed during fiscal year 2019 from Oct. 23, 2018, through Jan. 23, 2019.

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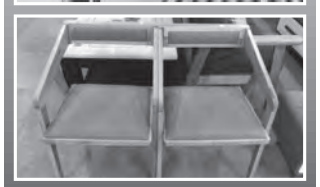

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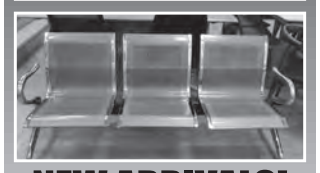
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NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF THE CRM AGENCY OFFICIALS

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios through the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) hereby give notice that a CRM Agency Officials meeting will be held on ***Thursday, June 30, 2022 at 10:30AM*** at the DCRM Learning Center, Suite 301, Gualo Rai Center II, on Chalan Pale Arnold Road in Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan.

To minimize the threat of COVID-19 and to ensure the health and safety of all, virtual public participation will continue and encouraged via video conferencing through Zoom link: hhtps://zoom.us/j *(Meeting ID: 6706648315)* or join via telephone by calling the DCRM office at (670) 664-8300 for connection assistance and most updated information as Zoom meeting access code may change.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
   A. Call to Order
   B. Roll Call
   C. Adoption of Agenda
   D. Adoption of May 31, 2022 Meeting Minutes
II. PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW
   1) CRM Permit Application No. SMS-03-X-21-A1
   Project: AIRPORT RESCUE AND FIRE FACILITY RAPID REFILL PROJECT
   Applicant: COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA)
   The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is proposing to replace the existing water tanks, high-capacity water pumps, electronic controls, yard piping, and overhead ARFF vehicle refill piping within the existing ARFF facility at Dandan, Saipan
   a. Agencies' Discussion
   b. Agencies' Final Determination
III. OTHER MATTERS
IV. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and submit written or oral testimony regarding the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session).

/s/ RICHARD V. SALAS
Director, DCRM

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NOTICE OF CRM PUBLIC HEARING

CONSTRUCTION OF TWO BARRACKS AND ONE COMMERCIAL BUILDING PROJECT TRIPLE J SAIPAN, INC. PERMIT APPLICATION NO. TMS-2022-035

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed construction of the 40-unit barracks and commercial building in Marpo Heights, Tinian.

Triple J Saipan, Inc. is proposing to construct two 40-unit barracks and one commercial building on Lot Nos. 023 T 21 and 023 T 22, measuring a total area of about 14,667 square meters in Marpo Heights, Tinian. The project will utilize approximately 8,096 square meters of land. The development will be connected to the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation's (CUC) waterline and power system.

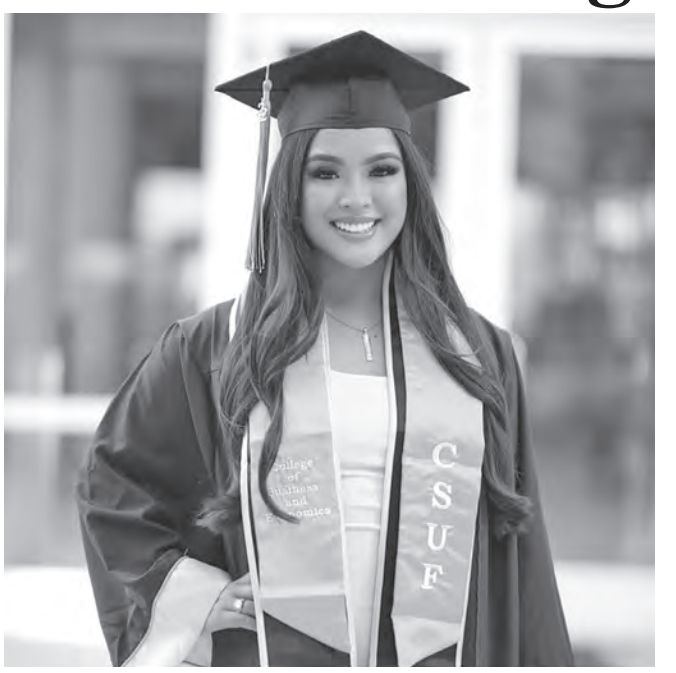
The public hearing for this project is scheduled on **Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 5:00PM, at the Tinian Elementary School Cafeteria, in San Jose, Tinian.**

To maintain the health and safety of all, virtual public participation is highly encouraged via video conferencing through Zoom link: hhtps://zoom.us/j (Meeting ID: 6706648315). Our Zoom meeting access code may change, please call the DCRM Permitting Office at (670) 664-8300 for connection assistance at least one-day prior to the public hearing date.

If you are unable to attend, written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Permitting Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, P.O. Box 501304, or sent by fax at 664-8315, or by email at ssablan@dcrm.gov.mp. The project files are open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application records and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed projects. Please contact Ms. Sam Sablan at the DCRM Permitting Office at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about Triple J's construction of two barracks and one commercial building project.

/s/ Richard V. Salas
Director
Division of Coastal Resources Management

Bon voyage to a proud daughter of the Marianas: Eternalee Atalig



Eternalee Aldan Atalig, who just graduated from California State University Fullerton last May 25, is heading back to San Diego where she will pursue her graduate degree this fall.

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Eternalee Aldan Atalig, who just graduated from California State University Fullerton last May 25 and came home to Saipan to reunite and celebrate with her grandparents, siblings, and extended families, is heading back to San Diego where she will pursue her graduate degree this fall.

Atalig graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the Mihaylo School of Business & Economics, special concentration in Human Resources Management at the California State University Fullerton.

Atalig attended K5 Development School in Koblerville and attended San Vicente Elementary School (1st and 2nd grade), where she was also the first Queen, Queen Canary.

She started playing recreation soccer before her family relocated to Oregon and continued into her high school. She attended Boones Ferry Elementary School and Wood Middle School, Wilsonville, Oregon. She was a part of the Willamette/Wilsonville soccer team.

Atalig then relocated with family to San Diego in California in 2007, where she attended and graduated from Mount Carmel High School. Her extracurricular activities involved being an "Uno Hit" cultural dancer, volunteering at the House of Chamorros and the Che'lu non-profit organization, and playing soccer.

Atalig has a special appreciation of her roots and where she came from, the Marianas. She plans to one day return and contribute back to the CNMI. In this visit, she is grateful to have experienced the Pacific Mini Games and the Taste of the Marianas, Mañagaha Island, the CNMI's pristine beaches, delicious foods, and made very special memories with her families!

Atalig is the daughter of David DLG and Dorisann Atalig. Her grandparents are Jose Benavente Aldan and +Lydia Hocog Aldan; David Mangloña Atalig and Cora; +Dolores "Loling" Sablan Deleon Guerrero "Teting." ***(PR)***

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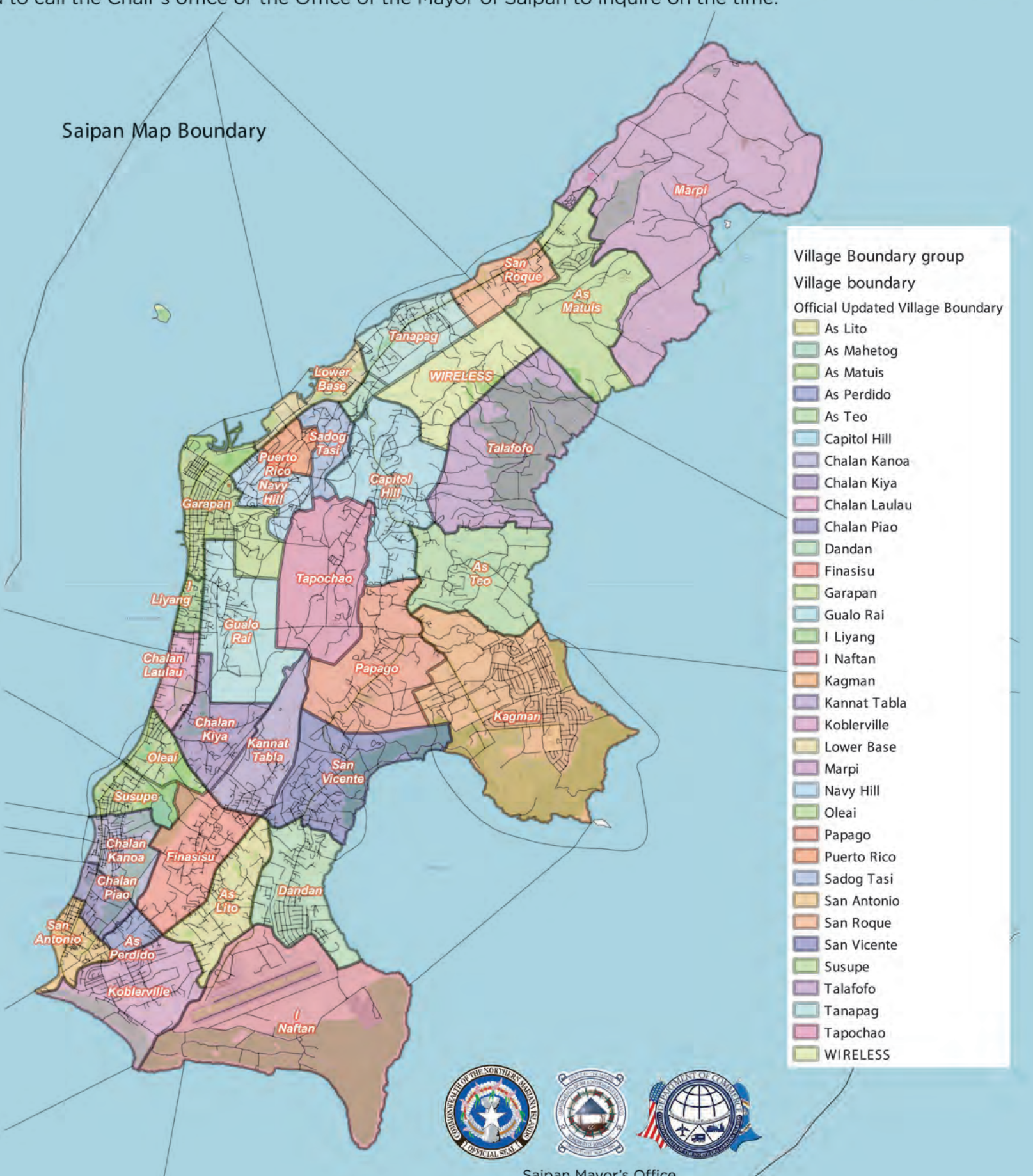
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

HOUSE BILL NO. 22-82

Representative Denita Yangetmai, Chair of the House Standing Committee on Commerce and Tourism, and Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang are inviting the public to comment on House Bill No. 22-82, titled, "To adopt the village delimitation and name master map for Saipan as the village delimitation and name master map for Saipan and to provide for the Office of the Mayor of Saipan to be the primary custodian for maintaining and preserving the master map and for the Department of Commerce – Central Statistics Division to be the secondary custodian; and for other purposes."

The public may view House Bill No. 22-82 on the CNMI Legislature website, at https: //cnmileg.net, and the Office of the Mayor of Saipan website, at https:// www.saipanmayor.net. The proposed Standard Village Delimitation and Name Master Map may also be viewed on the mayor's office website.

Written comments may be delivered to the Office of the Mayor of Saipan or to the Office of Chair Yangetmai. Written comments should be submitted no later than June 28, 2022. The House Standing Committee on Commerce and Tourism will be accepting oral comments at a public hearing scheduled for June 28, 2022. Time of the public hearing has not been set and the public is encouraged to call the Chair's office or the Office of the Mayor of Saipan to inquire on the time.



Saipan Mayor's Office
In collaboration with
Central Statistics Division
Department of Commerce

‘DLNR housed in old leaking warehouse, has constant water ponding’

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

Personnel of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources main office have been occupying an old warehouse in Lower Base that has a leaking roof, whose office front constantly has water ponding.

“It smells like a sewer right in front of our office,” DLNR Secretary Anthony Benavente told members of the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee during a hearing Wednesday on DLNR’s budget request for fiscal year 2023.

Benavente underscored the need for DLNR’s main office to relocate after Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Donald M. Manglona (Ind-Rota) questioned the department’s budget request “for all others” in the amount of $269,000. Manglona pointed out that the request differs from other DLNR divisions, where “all others” in the operational budget were categorized.

“Under this Natural Resources Division, it was just lumped into ‘all others’ at $269,000. Would you happen to know what those are for?” Manglona asked.

Benavente said he would be grateful for that funding as they’ve set aside that money for a new office. He said DLNR has been in that warehouse for the longest time and that it’s time to do something since it’s always leaking and flooding.

He noted that across their building is a brand-new office of the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority.

Benavente said it’s shameful that their office has water leaks and that he believes the warehouse has been there for over 35 years.

He disclosed that the administration has given them two buildings on Capital Hill.

The DLNR secretary said he is hoping that the $269,000 might be sufficient to renovate the two buildings on Capital Hill for the DLNR office and for the Division of Land Registration and Survey to occupy.

“These two offices are in that warehouse facility, [which has] constant overflow, rats dying on the roof, and leaks every rainy season. I mean, we need to get away from that building,” Benavente said.

For next year, that’s their main goal, Benavente said, to fix the two buildings on Capital Hill and move out from the unsafe structure in Lower Base for the safety and health of their employees.

CHCC certifies 62 DFEMS personnel in Mental Health First Aid

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Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services personnel participate in activities that helped increase their understanding of mental illnesses and the importance of reducing stigma.

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.’s Community Guidance Center recently certified 62 CNMI Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services personnel in Adult Mental Health First Aid.

Thanks to the continued strong partnership with DFEMS, the CHCC CGC Healthy Transitions and System of Care programs were able to conduct several MHFA trainings and certify as many DFEMS personnel as possible in the hopes of increasing mental health literacy, teaching skills to safely address a mental health or substance challenge of a colleague or of an individual on the scene of an emergency, and reducing stigma.

Of the DFEMS personnel who successfully passed and completed the program, nine were from Tinian, four from Rota, and 49 from Saipan. Participants learned about the importance of early intervention and how, as first responders, they can intervene in the field and provide direct assistance to someone who is experiencing a mental health challenge or crisis.

MHFA is an evidence-based, early intervention program designed to teach people how to identify, understand, and respond to someone who might be struggling with a mental health or substance use challenge, and connect them with appropriate support and resources when necessary. Participants are required to complete pre-work assignments, attend the entire instructor-led class, and complete post-work assignments to obtain a 3-year MHFA certification.

For more information on MHFA, visit https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org. For contact information and to request MHFA training, visit https://www.chcc.health/communitysupporttraining.php or call (670) 323-6560/61. ***(PR)***

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WATER QUALITY REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

Your 2021 CUC Water Quality Report is now available on-line! This year, we have a separate report for each island: Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. These reports contain important information about the source and quality of your drinking water.

Please open the following web sites to view what contaminants were detected in your water during 2021 and to learn more about your drinking water.

For Saipan, go to https://www.cucgov.org/spn2021
For Tinian, go to https://www.cucgov.org/tin2021
For Rota, go to https://www.cucgov.org/rota2021

If you need the report translated, wish to speak with someone about the report, or would like a paper copy delivered or emailed to you, please call CUC at (670) 664-4282.

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Repoodil yóómw 2021 CUC Ammwelil Schaal aa yoor online! Ráágh yeel, ai ayoora repoodngáli falúw kka: Seipél, Tchiliyól, me Luuta. E lo llól repood kkal arongorong ikka e impotanti reel milikka e toowow me ammwelil schaal iye ów ghal úlúmi.

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Iyon-mu 2021 na Ripot nu i Kuålidåt Hånom i CUC managuahayi på´gu giya on-line! På´gu na såkkan, in na´guahayi siparåo na ripot para kada´ isla: Saipan, Tinian, yan Luta. Esti na ripot siha masaguaniniyi impottånti na infotmasion put i tutuhonña yan kuålidåt put i Hånom ni un gigimin.

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Para Saipan, hånao para https://www.cucgov.org/spn2021
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COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
CUC-RSOQ-22-028

Design, Construction Management, and Other Professional Services for Various CUC Water and Wastewater Projects on the Islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting Statement of Qualifications from qualified architecture & engineering (A&E) firms for the design of various water and wastewater infrastructure including but not limited to water distribution and transmission main, sewer main (gravity and pressure), sewer manholes, sewer lift stations, water booster pump stations, water storage reservoirs, water treatment systems, wastewater treatment systems, upgrades to existing water and wastewater facilities; providing archaeological and UXO studies and monitoring, providing biological assessments, providing project management services, providing construction management services including but not limited to submittal review, clarification and technical assistance related to contract plans and specifications, field engineering due to changes in conditions during construction, construction inspection, review of partial payment requests, surveying, and other related engineering services on various CUC Water and Wastewater Projects.

The proposed projects are funded by a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and all future Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding, ARPA funded grants, EDA grants, DOI/OIA grants, Saipan Local Appropriations, and FEMA grants. All work is subject to grantors approval.

The RSOQ package will be provided via email to the registered email ID upon completion of registration at the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the SOQ must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *“CUC-RSOQ 22-028, Request for Statement of Qualifications”* to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on July 13, 2022**. Statements of Qualifications mailed via postal or courier service must be received or postmarked on or before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A&E firms are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the A&E firms due to lack of information or understanding of the RSOQ requirements in the course of Contractor’s preparation of a SOQ under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible/qualified A&E firms who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. A&E firms shall be accorded fair and equal during discussions; there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

This RSOQ does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of statements of qualifications in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC procurement regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable federal regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 21, 2022** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Larry Manacop, CUC Acting Water/Wastewater Chief Engineer via email address larry.manacop@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, Administrative Technician Senior via email address, marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all Statement of Qualifications for any reason and to waive any defects in said RSOQ, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All Statement of Qualifications shall become the property of CUC.

CHRETIEN T. VOERG
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

Recent MCS graduates gain admission to BU, FIT, GCU, JCCC

MCS graduate Jefferey Yue Sheu has committed to Boston University for his undergraduate degree. MCS

MCS graduate Jun Beom "Chris" Kim has committed to attend Fashion Institution of Technology in New York for his undergraduate degree. MCS

MCS graduate Raesyl Gerard Lopez Solis has committed to attend Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona for his undergraduate degree. MCS

MCS graduate Sajj Pandey has committed to Johnson County Community College for her undergraduate degree. MCS

Recent Mount Carmel School graduates Jefferey Y. Sheu, JunBeom "Chris" Kim, Raesyl L. Solis, and Sajj Pandey have gained admission to each of their respective colleges for their undergraduate education

Attending Boston University in Boston, Massachusetts is Sheu, who aims to earn a degree in biomedical engineering starting this fall. "I applied to a number of colleges, but Boston University appears to be the greatest fit for me among my options. The friendly atmosphere, diverse academic opportunities, financial aid, and location made Boston University an institution I could see myself attending," said Sheu, who is a Class of 2022 graduate.

Committed to earning a degree in Fashion Advertising and Marketing Communications, Kim intends to pursue his undergraduate degree at the Fashion Institution of Technology in New York City, New York.

"I am aware that FIT is an excellent university for those interested in the fashion industry, like myself. There is so much to learn at this university. FIT will be the perfect school to learn not only about the basics of the fashion industry but also about advanced topics. For me, FIT will be the first stop on my journey to a more prominent and fulfilling destination in fashion," he said.

As an aspiring nurse, Solis is set to start his undergraduate career at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona. Grand Canyon University stood out to Solis due to the affordable tuition, alumni feedback, and vibrant student life.

"I chose this school because it is the most financially affordable for my family among other institutions I've seen. In addition, I've heard from the personal experience of a related alumni that their program for my major of interest is very good and well-rounded. Also, from what I've heard and seen, campus life seems awesome and really diverse," he added.

Pandey, who is also pursuing a degree in nursing, is set to attend Johnson County Community College in Kansas City, Missouri. "I chose JCCC to start my nursing career because I am moving in with my family there and I like the facilities and opportunities available to me at JCCC. I believe Johnson County Community College will set a strong foundation for my future," he saod.

Despite the community impact of Super Typhoon Soundelor, Super Typhoon Yutu, and the COVID-19 pandemic, Mount Carmel School continues to strengthen its college preparatory program in order to support its graduate's academic, personal, and professional endeavors. In addition to rigorous academic programs, Mount Carmel School prioritizes its student's access to varying extra-curricular activities, apostolic programs, and community service opportunities.

For more information about Mount Carmel School and its college preparatory programs, visit www.mountcarmelsaipan.com. ***(PR)***

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
(RE-ANNOUNCEMENT)

JVA No. 22 – 029

Opening Date: June 16, 2022
Closing Date: June 30, 2022

POSITION TITLE:	**Human Resouces Technician, Senior**
DEPARTMENT:	**COA/Human Resources**
LOCATION:	**Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands, USA**
ANNUAL SALARY:	**$24,904.00 - $33,620.00 per annum, Non-Exempt**
CONTRACT:	**Not Contracted**
POSITION(S):	**One (1)**

The incumbent will be under the direct supervision of the Human Resources Manager or his/her designee.

Duties:
- Provides specialized administrative and paraprofessional human resources support services related to recruitment, employment testing, classification, compensation, benefits and training.
- Responds to inquiries and provides assistance of internal staff, external customers and vendors.
- Responds to questions and information requests and provides technical assistance, guidance and support regarding programs, services, policies and/or procedures.
- Performs research and verifies information; performs calculations; processes timekeeping information; compiles and maintains data for audit purposes.
- May process job vacancy announcements, schedule and conduct pre-employment testing and assist in employment interview process.
- Enters, updates and maintains employee data in information system; assists in streamlining processes and data collection procedures.
- May serve as open records custodian.
- Prepares and routes documents, certifications, meeting minutes, forms, correspondence, and information tracking documents; monitors and maintains schedules, files, logs, reports, and records; processes and distributes forms, applications and documents.
- Monitors and maintains office supplies, inventory and equipment needs; initiates purchase requisitions and tracks orders.
- Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

Minimum Requirements:
Education: High School Diploma or GED or ABE Program AS and 3 years of office/human resource related experience; or, an equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties of the job such as those listed above, unless otherwise subject to any other requirements set forth in law or regulation.
Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Education and training; Human Resource principles and practices; Program administration principles; Customer service principles; Mathematical concepts; Research methods; Database and records management principles; Modern office technology.
Skills in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Providing customer service; Responding to information requests and providing specialized administrative support; Researching and verifying information; Compiling data and processing timekeeping information; Scheduling and coordinating appointments; Filing, organizing, imaging and maintaining records and files; Preparing reports, minutes, correspondence and documentation; Managing time and prioritizing requests; Proofreading documents and forms for accuracy and completion; Performing audits, identifying errors, making corrections and recommendations; Reviewing and researching database information; Monitoring and maintaining supplies; Maintaining confidentiality of records and employment information; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

Licensing: Valid Driver's License with appropriate class.

Physical Demands: Occasional lifting of objects, Subject to standing, walking, sitting, bending, reaching, kneeling, pushing and pulling.

All applicants may be tested and all applicants are subject to pre-employment drug test.

How to Apply: Submit a completed CUC Employment Application, resume, and applicable supporting documents to the CUC Human Resources office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan, Monday through Friday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm (Except Legal Holidays). Applicants on the island of Tinian and Rota may submit their documents to their respective CUC Administration office. Application, resume and supporting documents can also be e-mailed to: employment.applications@cucgov.org

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
RE-ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 22 – 060

Opening Date: June 15, 2022
Closing Date: June 29, 2022

POSITION TITLE:	**Trades Assistant**
DEPARTMENT:	**Wastewater Division**
LOCATION:	**Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands, USA**
ANNUAL SALARY:	**$16,742.00 to $22,602.00 per annum, Non- Exempt**
CONTRACT:	**Not Contracted**
POSITION(S):	**One(1)**

The incumbent will be under the overall supervision of the Drinking Water & Wastewater Division Manager or his/her designee. This class specification represents only the core areas of responsibilities; specific position assignments will vary depending on the needs of the Wastewater Division.

Duties:
- The Trades Assistant assists with installations, repairs and general maintenance in assigned service area; operates motorized vehicles, equipment machinery, and hand and power tools.
- Performs routine and preventative maintenance on equipment, vehicles, systems and/or infrastructure; performs basic inspections; and conducts basic troubleshooting of issues.
- Responds to trouble calls as needed.
- Prepares job site for work including gathering and setting up materials and supplies, and setting work safety barriers for protection and to direct traffic flow away from work site.
- Gathers, cleans and returns equipment, materials and supplies used.
- Cleans and maintains work site after project or repair work is complete.
- Monitors equipment; takes readings and collects data; documents equipment readings; prepares and submits data and work reports.
- Performs inventory spot checks to ensure adequate materials and supplies are available for daily maintenance activities.
- Performing daily well and pump station facility maintenance, cleaning and monitoring;
- Assisting plumbing and chlorine maintenance crew;
- Utilizing digging equipment for locating and repairing leaks;
- Repairing and securing pressure reducer valves, main valves, service lines and laterals, and booster pumps;
- Assisting with meter installation and repair;
- Collecting water samples;
- Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

Minimum Requirements:
Education: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education.
Knowledge of: Customer service principles; Basic mathematical concepts; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology.
Skills in: Providing customer service; Reading maps and drawings; Operating heavy and light equipment machinery, hand and power tools required of assigned area; Adhering to safety procedures and safe work practices; Prioritizing tasks and managing time for efficiency; Identifying issues and solving problems; Providing attention to detail; Taking equipment readings and recording data; Maintaining activity logs and reports; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

Licensing/Certification:
- Valid U.S. Driver's License with appropriate class;

All applicants may be tested and all applicants are subject to pre-employment drug test.t.

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Child vaccination is the responsible choice, for the children and society

As of this week, parents in all but one state in the U.S. will be able to obtain vaccination against the coronavirus for children under 5 to as young as 6 months. Florida, as usual, remains an outlier, with Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis putting his political ambitions above the health and safety of his constituents by refusing to preorder the new vaccines or to make them available through state health departments. Still, the fact Missouri and other red states didn't follow his example is an encouraging sign that perhaps some in the GOP are starting to recover from this aggressive infection of antiscience zealotry.

Still, there remains significant hesitance among parents, with one major poll showing just 1 in 5 plans to immediately get their young children vaccinated.

That's certainly in part due to irresponsible leaders like DeSantis and Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt, who have found it politically useful to pander to the worst elements of the right even if it means scaring people away from these life-saving vaccines.

Their disinformation notwithstanding, the data is clear: After millions of immunizations during roughly a year and a half now, the vaccines have proven remarkably safe and effective at both preventing infection and muting the worst of the symptoms when infection does occur. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that in some studies, hospitalization rates for the unvaccinated are more than 20 times higher than for those who are fully vaccinated and boostered. For all that, serious side effects from the vaccines are rare, and there's virtually no evidence they have contributed to any fatalities.

In light of all that, why would any parents not get their kids vaccinated? One common reason is that the virus rarely infects young children, and their cases tend to be mild when they do get it. This is true, but can create the deceptive belief that there's no danger at all.

There is, to the kids and to those around them. More than 13 million children have tested positive for the virus since the pandemic started, creating 13 million opportunities for the virus to spread even if most of the children themselves were spared the worst of the effects.

Most, but not all. DeSantis' recent declaration that children "have zero risk" of contracting the virus is simply false. Some 40,000 kids have been hospitalized during the pandemic and more than 1,000 have died. That's a sliver of America's child population, of course, but it's still a far higher child-death rate than from, say, influenza, which typically kills fewer than 200 kids annually.

If it's one of your kids, that's not "zero risk," but an avoidable tragedy. Parents should trust their doctors and the data—not the demagogues.

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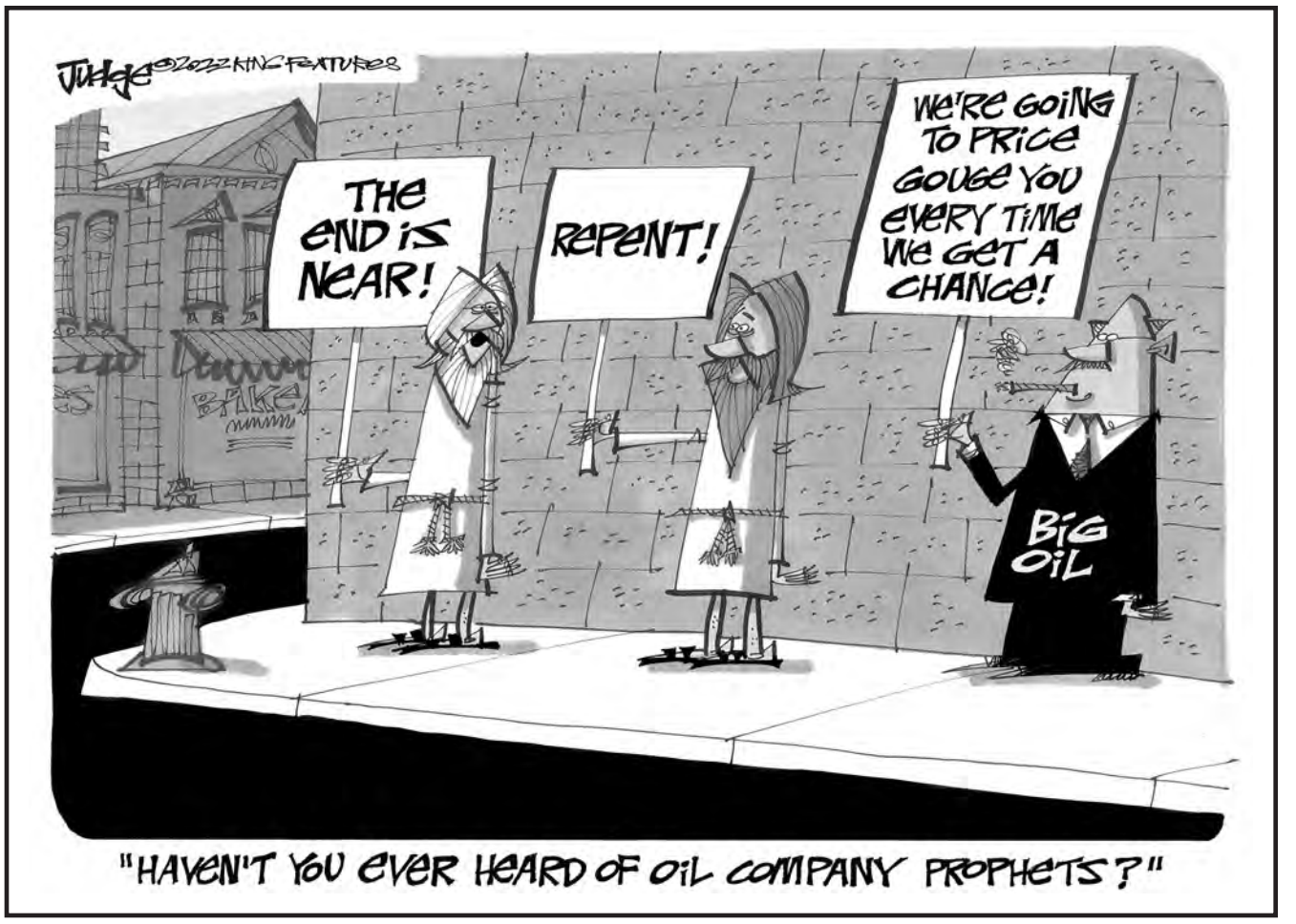
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"HAVEN'T YOU EVER HEARD OF OIL COMPANY PROPHETS?"

If Biden gives up on climate, it's a white flag for the planet

By MIKE TIDWELL
The Baltimore Sun

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At one point in Al Gore's seminal 2006 film "An Inconvenient Truth," the former vice president laments that his tobacco-farming parents didn't stop raising tobacco until after their beloved daughter Nancy died of lung cancer in Tennessee.

"It's just human nature to take time to connect the dots," Gore says in the film. "But … there can be a day of reckoning when you wish you had connected the dots more quickly."

All these years later, many anxious Americans hope President Joe Biden and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer have fully connected the dots—politically and morally—on climate change. As Gore suggests in the film, global warming is our planet's own late-stage disease. Terminal consequences are all but guaranteed unless we apply shock treatment now.

And yet Biden and Schumer still have not figured out a way to unlock $550 billion in climate "medicine" sitting on the negotiation table in the U.S. Senate. The spending, part of a possible budget reconciliation deal, would transform our nation with massive tax credits for wind and solar power, money to decarbonize transportation, and funding for a Civilian Climate Corps, among other investments.

God knows getting 50 votes for anything in the U.S. Senate is as hard as battling advanced cancer—painful, nauseating, requiring every ounce of strength. But as tortured as the budget reconciliation process has been over the past year—with Biden's Build Back Better agenda scaled back, then blocked completely, and now under discussion in a new form—one thing has remained constant: everyone in the Senate Democratic Caucus has solidly supported the $550 billion in climate money. That includes West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin and Arizona Sen. Kyrsten Sinema.

But is the White House all in? There's some speculation in D.C. that top climate advisers Gina McCarthy and John Kerry have been asked to push less publicly for bold climate action. Aides closest to the president are said to be concerned that a pared down reconciliation bill—absent child tax credits and other liberal policy favorites—would be a political liability in November, even if it does include climate and prescription drug features. Voters might blame Biden for not getting a full package passed. That logic seems shaky. More likely, and understandably, the White House just doesn't trust Manchin and Sinema to negotiate in good faith this summer, so why try again?

But that horrible, inconvenient truth just won't go away: The patient is dying. The world as we know it is vanishing. Over 7.1 million acres of forests burned in the United States alone in 2021. Hundred-degree days were recorded in the Arctic Circle in 2020. And top scientists affiliated with the United Nations say, on policy fixes, "Delay is death."

So here's the bottom line for Biden, Schumer and the rest of the Democrats: You have no right to give up. Delay, for any reason, is simply unacceptable. Instead, now is the time to press the issue, to connect all the difficult dots and act courageously. Democrats may lose one or both congressional chambers in November. And it might be 10 years before another big vote on climate is possible.

Clearly, Biden and Schumer want Manchin to put on paper what he wants in a budget reconciliation bill, including precise climate spending. If that doesn't happen by late June, Schumer should present his own deal and negotiate from there. If Manchin really wasn't ready to vote on climate spending, he presumably would have given it a hard no months ago, like he did with the child tax credit.

Indeed, even if climate funding is the only thing Manchin can vote for—with questionable investments in carbon sequestration and other of his pet projects tossed in—then take the deal. Unlike other policy challenges facing Congress, climate change has a clock attached to it. You pass something now or forfeit virtually any chance of rescuing the planet in the future.

And if Manchin, when pushed, doesn't want a deal, if it was all a mirage, then make him and the entire Senate vote on a bill anyway. It's time for accountability, as with the voting rights bill and abortion.

But we could also win. The $550 billion in investments could happen. But only if the White House stays in the fight. Against staggering odds, sick patients often survive the worst disease diagnoses. Usually it's because doctors and families never gave up. At the darkest moment, when it would be easiest, no one walks away.

That's what the planet needs right now. Those are the dots Al Gore is talking about in "An Inconvenient Truth." And today, right now, is the day of reckoning.

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The Marianas thanks the delegations, officials, and all who made the NMPMG 2022 successful

Participants of the Parade of Nations represent the different countries participating in the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 during the opening ceremony last June 17, 2022, at the Oleia track and field. LEIGH GASES

TOGETHER, WE CAN
By RALPH DLG TORRES
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Ralph DLG Torres is the ninth governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and is co-chairman of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers.

This past week the Marianas hosted the most historic event on island—the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022. It has been a great pleasure to see the country officials, the more than 70 teams, and our community come together to enjoy this event. The love and support that our residents showed to our athletes and visitors as they cheered them on was truly world-class.

If there's one thing that I took from this experience, it's that no matter what we go through, sports will always bring our community closer. When I stepped on the baseball mound to throw the ceremonial first pitch, I was overcome with emotion seeing our community come together to cheer on the athletes. The support we received from the volunteers, officials, coaches was overwhelming on Rota, Tinian, and Saipan.

It goes without saying that we are incredibly proud to have hosted these games for our brothers and sisters in the Pacific. We have experienced a collective loss during the COVID-19 pandemic, which is why we are celebrating this opportunity to come together in the spirit of competition. The NMPMG 2022 brought the nations of Oceania together to celebrate our perseverance and our determination to continue moving forward, in spite of our challenges. The Games brought out the best of our human spirit. Athletes cheered each other on, aimed to be our best, and tested the limits of their abilities.

To the NMPMG 2022 Games Organizing Committee, Oversight Committee, staff and volunteers, the Marianas sincerely thanks you for putting together an incredible event! In less than a year, you poured all your energy into ensuring that the NMPMG 2022 was possible. Despite the challenges you faced, you have all shown true strength in overcoming challenges along the way.

To Team NMI, the Marianas is beyond proud of what you all have accomplished in the past year to prepare for the games. The dedication, spirit, and pride that you've shown throughout the Games were astonishing! Thank you all for putting on the greatest display of sportsmanship. We couldn't have asked for better athletes to represent the CNMI.

To the athletes and officials from American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Guam, Kiribati, Nauru, New Caledonia, Norfolk Island, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tahiti, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and Wallis and Futuna, from the bottom of our hearts, the Marianas thanks you all so much for sharing this experience with us. We hope that you had a taste of our culture and felt our hospitality. We enjoyed being your hosts and hope you will return to visit us again.

I thank the Northern Marianas College, who livestreamed the NMPMG 2022 event on YouTube for those who were more comfortable watching from home or from around the world, cheering for their respective countries. I am thankful for the KSPN2 News and the KKMP radio station for dedicating a channel/station so that we could have another broadcasting stream. Thank you also to our media partners for capturing the best of the event and archiving the stories to live forevermore in the CNMI's history.

As we continue to celebrate the spirit of the event, let us continue to show our warm hospitality as our guests prepare to return home. Join us this weekend at the Taste of the Marianas as we close out this successful event and celebrate one last time as brothers and sisters of the Pacific.

For more information, visit the GCEA at cnmieconomy.com, on Facebook and Instagram (@cnmigov.economy), or contact them at gceacnmi@gmail.com.

A ruinous Supreme Court decision to dismantle the wall between church and state

By ERWIN CHEMERINSKY
Los Angeles Times

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On Tuesday, the Supreme Court took another major step toward obliterating the wall separating church and state by holding that the state of Maine is constitutionally required to subsidize religious education when it pays for private secular education. The implications of this decision in mandating government financial support for religion are enormous.

The First Amendment says that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." In 1947, the Supreme Court ruled that the prohibition against the establishment of religion applied to the actions of state and local governments. All nine justices in that case agreed that this provision is best understood through the words of Thomas Jefferson, that there should be a wall separating church and state.

For decades, the court applied this principle in limiting the ability of the government to provide financial support for religious activities, including for religious schools. This followed James Madison's view that it was abhorrent to tax people to support the religions of others. The central idea is that the government and its use of funds should be secular.

But now the law has shifted dramatically, and not only is the Supreme Court allowing aid to religious schools, it is saying that it is constitutionally required.

The case decided on Tuesday, Carson v. Makin, involved a Maine law that applies in areas that are too rural to support public school systems. In those areas, school administrative units provide funds for parents to send their children to private schools. Maine requires that the money be used in secular, not sectarian schools. Maine says that its goal is to provide a free, nonreligious education for every student.

Two families who wanted to send their children to religious schools challenged to the Maine law, arguing that not subsidizing religious education violated their free exercise of religion. The court's 6-3 decision, split on ideological lines, ruled in favor of the challengers, holding that not having the public pay for religious education when it pays for nonreligious education violates the Constitution.

This majority opinion, written by Chief Justice John G. Roberts, completely ignores the First Amendment's prohibition on the establishment of religion. As Justice Stephen Breyer pointed out in his dissent, "the Establishment Clause forbids a State from paying for the practice of religion itself. And state neutrality in respect to the teaching of the practice of religion lies at the heart of this Clause."

Until five years ago, the court never in American history had held that the free exercise of religion required the government to subsidize religion. But in the 2017 case Trinity Lutheran v. Comer, the court held that Missouri violated free exercise of religion when it subsidized the resurfacing of playgrounds in public schools and secular private schools but not religious schools. Roberts, who also wrote that opinion, included a footnote stressing that the case addressed only the issue of granting money for "playground resurfacing," not other "religious uses of funding."

The court now blows apart the wall of separation — already damaged by the Trinity Lutheran case — by declaring that any time the government subsidizes private education it is constitutionally required to pay for religious education. This also means that if Maine does not want to financially support religious education, it must deny funds for secular private education as well.

The decision has huge implications for many spheres of public policy. Throughout the country, including in California, public school systems pay for charter schools. The law has always maintained that publicly financed charter schools must be secular. But now with this decision, there is a strong argument that the refusal to pay for religious charter schools violates free exercise of religion.

There is no stopping point and no reason this approach would be limited to the school context. If the government provides funds for historic preservation of buildings, it will be required to subsidize maintaining churches, synagogues and mosques. If the government pays for alcohol or drug rehabilitation programs, it will have to subsidize faith-based programs.

There has long been a debate over whether the government could even provide such assistance to a religious group or whether its choice to do so would be an impermissible establishment of religion. Now, though, the court's conservative majority is saying that a subsidy for religion is constitutionally mandated. It is basically cutting the establishment clause out of the Constitution.

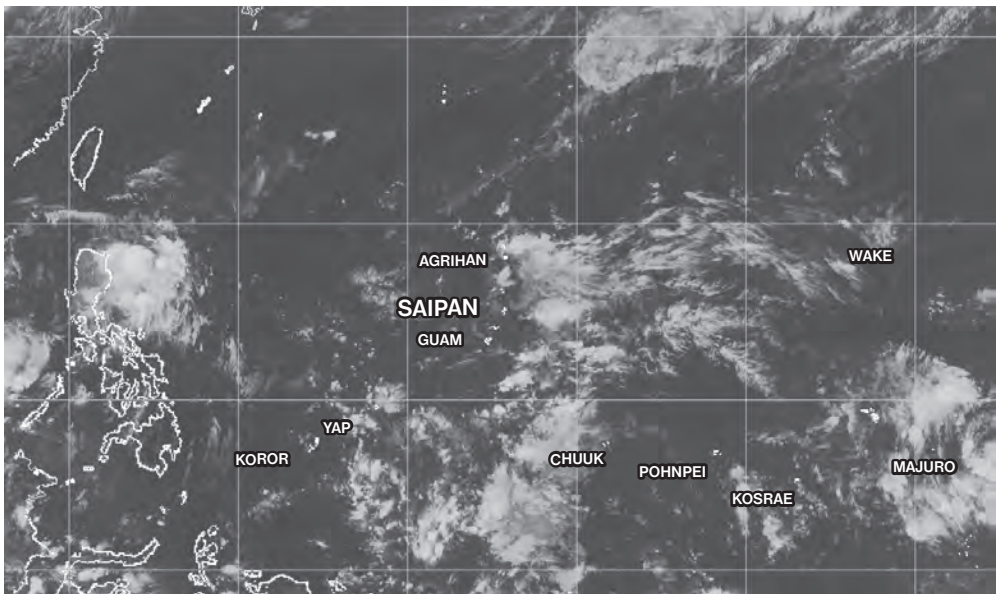
Soon before leaving the Supreme Court, former Justice Sandra Day O'Connor observed: "Those who would renegotiate the boundaries between church and state must therefore answer a difficult question: Why would we trade a system that has served us so well for one that has served others so poorly?" Unfortunately, Roberts and the conservatives offer no answer to this question.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Isolated showers. Mostly sunny.	Isolated showers. Partly sunny.	Scattered showers. Partly sunny.	A chance of showers. Partly sunny.	A chance of showers. Partly sunny.
86º / 75º	85º / 75º	86º / 78º	87º / 77º	88º / 76º

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Guam Doppler weather radar shows scattered showers moving through the Marianas waters. The showers are tapering down to isolated. The buoys reveal combined seas of 3 to 4 feet, composed mainly of trade-wind swell from the east-northeast.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA	▲ ▼ °F	
Guam and Rota	Scattered Thunderstorms	87° / 79°
Palau	Scattered Thunderstorms	85° / 76°
Yap	Isolated Thunderstorms	86° / 78°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°
Pohnpei	Scattered Thunderstorms	86° / 78°
Kosrae	Isolated Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 80°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Saturday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Sunday	5:49 AM	6:50 PM
Monday	5:49 AM	6:50 PM
Tuesday	5:49 AM	6:50 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	2:00 AM	2:48 PM	-
Saturday	2:38 AM	3:38 PM	-
Sunday	3:18 AM	4:29 PM	-
Monday	4:00 AM	5:21 PM	-
Tuesday	4:46 AM	6:14 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲ ▼ °F	
Auckland	Showers	61° / 53°
Beijing	Sunny	99° / 71°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	87° / 80°
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	84° / 72°
London	Partly Cloudy	72° / 57°
Los Angeles	Sunny	83° / 62°
Manila	Thunderstorms	89° / 79°
Melbourne	Light Rain	58° / 46°
Miami	Cloudy	86° / 78°
New York	Cloudy	72° / 63°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	88° / 78°
Paris	Showers	75° / 63°
Busan	Thunderstorms/Wind	76° / 72°
Rome	Mostly Cloudy	90° / 71°
Salem	Mostly Sunny	97° / 72°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	71° / 51°
Seoul	Showers	79° / 69°
Tokyo	Cloudy	88° / 77°
Washington, DC	Showers	72° / 61°

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
3:45 AM	High Tide	2.06
11:06 AM	Low Tide	0.42
5:45 PM	High Tide	1.66
10:33 PM	Low Tide	1.24

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:50AM	10:30AM	Daily
UA156	6:30PM	7:15PM	6

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	6:00AM	8:00AM	Daily
UA193	7:05PM	10:55PM	5 via Palau
UA183	7:10PM	9:10PM	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	Daily via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	10:55PM	5 via Guam, Palau

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

TW9308	3:30PM	7:20PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3405	3:30PM	7:25PM	6
RS112	3:45PM	7:30PM	3, 6
7C3405	3:50PM	7:45PM	3
OZ624	4:00PM	7:40PM	3, 6

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	2:00PM	5:20PM	7
7C3451	3:00PM	6:20PM	3
BX621	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	Daily
UA112	4:40PM	5:30PM	6

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:00PM	4:00AM+1	Daily
UA184	10:25PM	4:25AM+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA192	10:25PM	6:15AM+1	5 via Palau
UA184	11:50PM	5:40AM+1	5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

A184/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	1,2,3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
UA192/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Palau, Guam
UA184/174	11:50PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Guam

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3406	8:30AM	2:10PM	6
RS111	8:45AM	2:05PM	3, 6
7C3406	8:50AM	2:30PM	3
TW9307	9:00AM	2:30PM	4, 6, 7
OZ623	9:00AM	2:30PM	3, 6
TW9307	9:15AM	2:30PM	3

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	8:00AM	1:00PM	7
BX621	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7
7C3452	9:00AM	2:00PM	3

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

■ Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.

■ Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.

■ Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.

■ Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.

■ Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.

■ Create a household plan of action, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html

■ Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

■ Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.

■ Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

■ Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:

• Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.

• Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

• Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

• Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mpand, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

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1301	SAIPAN	ROTA	8:30	9:00	Daily
1302	SAIPAN	ROTA	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
1302	SAIPAN	ROTA	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun
1303	SAIPAN	ROTA	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	ROTA	SAIPAN	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	ROTA	SAIPAN	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun
3102	ROTA	SAIPAN	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
3103	ROTA	SAIPAN	16:30	17:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

LIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	ROTA	GUAM	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	GUAM	ROTA	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1202	SAIPAN	TINIAN	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	SAIPAN	TINIAN	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	SAIPAN	TINIAN	10:00	10:15	Daily
1208	SAIPAN	TINIAN	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	SAIPAN	TINIAN	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	SAIPAN	TINIAN	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	SAIPAN	TINIAN	17:00	17:15	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
2102	TINIAN	SAIPAN	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	TINIAN	SAIPAN	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	TINIAN	SAIPAN	10:30	10:45	Daily
2108	TINIAN	SAIPAN	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	TINIAN	SAIPAN	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	TINIAN	SAIPAN	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	TINIAN	SAIPAN	17:30	17:45	Daily

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
REVISED

JVA No. 22 – 008

Opening Date: June 22, 2022
Closing Date: Until Filled

POSITION TITLE:	**Trades Technician, Machinist**
DEPARTMENT:	**Power Generation**
LOCATION:	**Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands, USA**
ANNUAL SALARY:	**$20,826.00 to $28,115.00 per annum, Non-Exempt**
CONTRACT:	**Not Contracted**
POSITION(S):	**One (1)**

The incumbent will be under the direct supervision of the Power Generation Manager or his/her designee. This class specification represents only the core areas of responsibilities; specific position assignments will vary depending on the needs of the department.

Duties:
- Operates and maintains lathe, milling machines and machine tools.
- Reviews blueprints, sketches, drawings, manuals, specification, or sample part to determine dimensions and tolerances of finished workpiece, sequence of operations and set requirements.
- Measures, marks, and scribes dimensions and reference points on material or work-piece as guides for subsequent machining as necessary.
- Selects, aligns, and secures holding fixtures, cutting tools, attachments, accessories, and materials on machines as necessary to machine parts as required.
- Calculates and sets controls to regulate machining factors such as speed, feed, coolant flow and depth and angle of cut according to established guidelines and procedures.
- Starts and observes machine operation to detect malfunctions or out-of-tolerance machining, and adjusts machine controls or control media as required.
- Verifies conformance of finished work-piece to specifications, using measuring and inspection tools as necessary.
- Sets up and operates machine on trial run to verify accuracy of machine settings.
- Takes precise measurements for cutting or shaping.
- Selects appropriate machine and settings for a given task.
- Plans proper sequence of tasks to complete the assignment.
- Monitors adjusting feed and other settings as necessary.
- Identifies need for and performs machine maintenance and minor repairs.
- Maintains a safe and clean workstation.
- Contributes to team effort by accomplishing related tasks as needed.
- Confers with senior engineer or others to resolve machining problems.
- Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

Minimum Requirements:
Education: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education. Must demonstrate having had (A) 4 years of increasingly responsible experience in a diesel engine power plant and (B) those 4 years of increasingly responsible experience are to be performing machinist duties. Apprenticeship or vocational training preferred.
Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Principles, practices and procedures of assigned service area; Customer service principles; Mathematical concepts; Inventory maintenance practices; Inspection procedures; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology.
Skills in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Performing skilled maintenance, operations and repair work in assigned area; Reviewing quality levels and providing technical guidance in assigned area; Operating specialized and heavy equipment; Strong attention to details and accuracy; Adhering to safety procedures and safe work practices; Monitoring equipment and making adjustments; Performing inspections and identifying issues; Troubleshooting issues and recommending or implementing solutions; Receiving requests and trouble calls and providing assistance; Monitoring inventory and supplies; Initiating supply requests; Taking equipment readings and maintaining reading data; Preparing and updating activity logs and status reports; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Able to lift up to 50 pounds and perform repetitive tasks.

- **Licensing:**
  - o Valid CNMI Driver's License with appropriate class.
- **Physical Demands:**
  - o Occasional lifting of objects; Subject to standing, walking sitting, bending, reaching, kneeling, pushing and pulling.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
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JVA No. 22 – 002

Opening Date: June 22, 2022
Closing Date: Until Filled

POSITION TITLE:	**Trades Technician-Electrician**
DEPARTMENT:	**Power Generation**
LOCATION:	**Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands, USA**
ANNUAL SALARY:	**$20,826.00to $28,115.00 per annum, Non-Exempt**
CONTRACT:	**Not Contracted**
POSITION(S):	**Five (5)**

The incumbent will be under the direct supervision of the Power Generation Manager or his/her designee. This class specification represents only the core areas of responsibilities; specific position assignments will vary depending on the needs of Power Generation. Primary duties as a TRADES TECHNICIAN: ELECTRICIAN for a diesel engine power plant.

Duties:
- Performs maintenance, operations, installations, troubleshooting and/or repairs of Generator, switchgears and engine control panels of various brands/make/model, Motor Control Center, Transformer, Protection relays and overhead crane.
- Read and interpret electrical diagrams and codes, USA standards, Japanese standards, European standards, & NEC (National Electrical Code).
- Knowledge in AC/DC system, Single and three phase system, Lighting and outlets, Paging system, Fire alarm & Battery bank.
- Familiar with the usage of various electrical test equipment; Multimeter tester, Insulation resistance tester, Transformer tester, Ground resistance tester, & Hydrometer.
- Familiar with the usage of various electrical tools Crimper, Pipe bender, Hydraulic knock out puncher, Pipe threader, Micrometer, & Vernier caliper.
- Familiar with the usage of various power and pneumatic tools, Portable drill, Grinder, & Impact wrench.
- Operates specialized and heavy equipment. Emergency generator, Forklift, & Overhead crane.
- Attend to Trouble calls after normal working hours.
- Maintains daily reports. Practices SAFETY, Cleans, organizes and maintains work areas.
- Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

Minimum Requirements:
Education: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education. Graduate from a Vocational/Technical Institution as an Electrician or related field. Must demonstrate having had 4 years of increasingly responsible experience in a diesel engine power plant. 4 years of increasingly responsible experience in performing electrical duties.
Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Mechanical and electrical principles, practices and operations of power plant equipment. Customer service principles; Mathematical concepts; Inventory maintenance practices; Taking equipment readings and maintaining reading data; Inspection procedures; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology.
Skills in: Performing inspections and analyzing system and equipment data; Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standard operating procedures; Monitoring plant equipment and making adjustments; Identifying electrical and mechanical issues and recommending or implementing solutions; Initiating requests and trouble calls and providing assistance; Preparing and updating activity logs and status reports; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Able to lift and carry heavy objects of 45 pounds and over, climb ladders, reach above the shoulders, stand, sit, crawl and kneel for prolonged periods and perform repeated bending. Recognize color codes, operate cranes and motor vehicles. Occasionally use solvents, de-greasing agents, or other chemical agents, and be assigned to protracted or irregular hours of work; exposed to dust, oil, grease, constant or excessive noise, vibration, and smoke and gas fumes. Work closely with others and/or alone depending on assigned daily activities.

Must be available to work 24/7 rotation shift to include weekends, holidays, and on-call.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
(RE-ANNOUCEMENT)

JVA No. 22 – 054

Opening Date: June 22, 2022
Closing Date: Until Filled

POSITION TITLE:	**Trades Technician-Operator**
DEPARTMENT:	**Power Generation**
LOCATION:	**Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands, USA**
ANNUAL SALARY:	**$20,826.00to $28,115.00 per annum, Non-Exempt**
CONTRACT:	**Not Contracted**
POSITION(S):	**One (1)**

The incumbent will be under the overall supervision of the Power Generation Manager or his/her designee. This class specification represents only the core areas of responsibilities; specific position assignments will vary depending on the needs of the Power Generation Division.

Duties:
- Responsible for the safe and efficient operation of all plant equipment and machinery including, but not limited to, generators, operation of valves, plant production operations, and unloading of diesel fuel tank trunks to storage tanks.
- Follows all safety and operations procedures during operations and maintenance activities.
- Responsible for monitoring of all Plant systems as assigned.
- Will act as the responsible person when working without supervision. Responsible for entire plant during operating periods.
- May direct and/or instruct all other personnel as required during all other periods.
- May be on call for emergency response.
- Operates, controls, monitors and inspects generators, switchgears, motor controls, transformers, protection relays, circuit breakers, compressors, RO system and other associated equipment.
- Performs analysis, maintenance, operations, installations and/or repairs of 8 megawatt, 13 megawatt Mitsubishi-MAN diesel engines to include engine auxiliary equipment in the main Power Plant and provide the same services on the small Power Plant with 2.5 megawatt Electromotive Division (EMD) units.
- Ensures work is within Original Equipment Manufacturing (OEM) engineering specifications and quality levels.
- Takes readings from meters, gauges and computers at established intervals, reads and interprets data to take corrective steps as necessary.
- Inspects records and log book entries, and communicates with other plant personnel in order to assess equipment-operating status.
- Performs systems operations to regulate and coordinate transmission load, frequencies and line voltages.
- Identifies potential issues and operational concerns; performs operational inspections and symptomatic maintenance; provides status reports; evaluates and implements solutions and corrective actions under emergency situations.
- Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

Minimum Requirements:
Education: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education. Considerable knowledge in operation, repair, and maintenance of power generating and/or industrial equipment/facilities. Must demonstrate having had (A) Four (4) years of increasingly responsible experience in a diesel engine power plant operations and (B) those four years of increasingly responsible experience are to be performing operator duties.
Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Mechanical and electrical principles, practices and operations of power plant equipment. Customer service principles; Mathematical concepts; Inventory maintenance practices; Taking equipment readings and maintaining reading data; Inspection procedures; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology.
Skills in: IPerforming inspections and analyzing system and equipment data; Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standard operating procedures; Monitoring plant equipment and making adjustments; Identifying electrical and mechanical issues and recommending or implementing solutions; Initiating requests and trouble calls and providing assistance; Preparing and updating activity logs and status reports; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Able to lift and carry heavy objects of 45 pounds and over, climb ladders, reach above the shoulders, stand, sit, crawl and kneel for prolonged periods and perform repeated bending. Recognize color codes, operate cranes and motor vehicles. Occasionally use solvents, de-greasing agents, or other chemical agents, and be assigned to protracted or irregular hours of work; exposed to dust, oil, grease, constant or excessive noise, vibration, and smoke and gas fumes. Work closely with others and/or alone depending on assigned daily activities.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
(RE-ANNOUCEMENT)

JVA No. 22 – 016

Opening Date: June 22, 2022
Closing Date: July 6, 2022

POSITION TITLE:	**IT Technician**
DEPARTMENT:	**COA/Information Technology**
LOCATION:	**Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands, USA**
ANNUAL SALARY:	**$22,865.00 - $30,867.00 per annum, Non-Exempt**
CONTRACT:	**Not Contracted**
POSITION(S):	**One (1)**

The incumbent will be under the direct supervision of the Chief of Administration or his/her designee. This class specification represents only the core areas of responsibilities; specific position assignments will vary depending on the needs of COA/IT Division.

Duties:
- Provides end user support for technology hardware, software, telecommunications, AV and/or peripheral systems; sets up equipment ensuring proper cabling; performs installation, testing, patches/upgrades, and maintenance activities in support of technology operations.
- Performs call and in-person Tier I and Tier II technical support to end users; prioritizes requests; responds to queries; researches system documentation as required; provides instruction to users; implements solutions to computer and network issues.
- Monitors and maintains user accounts for various systems; creates and initiates user accounts on network server and other systems; troubleshoots connectivity issues and resolves communication problems or refers complex issues to appropriate resource.
- Assists in evaluating and testing new software and equipment; documents and provides feedback of testing results.
- Sets up and installs systems and AV equipment for training purposes.
- Perform other duties of similar nature and level as assigned by management.

Minimum Requirements:
Education: Associates Degree in Information Technology or directly related field and 1 years of related professional information technology experience; or High School Diploma or GED or ABE Program AS and 3 years of experience related to technology support.; or, an equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties of the job such as those listed above, unless otherwise subject to any other requirements set forth in law or regulation.
Knowledge of: Applicable hardware, software, system and technology principles, methods and support techniques; Systems analysis and design methods, procedures and techniques; Business methods, principles and practices; Customer service principles; Database maintenance principles; Modern office technology; Budgeting Principles; and Basic mathematics.
Skills in: Providing analysis and design in support of information technology and business processes; Evaluating and maintaining existing systems and equipment; Developing and implementing technology solutions to meet business requirements; Analyzing system performance, troubleshooting issues and maintaining system functionality; Monitoring, configuring, installing, testing and maintaining assigned systems and equipment; Preparing and maintaining reports, system documentation, and procedures; Providing technical end-user support and training of software and systems; Prioritizing requests and managing time; Serving as technical liaison with internal staff and external service providers; Recommending the acquisition of software and equipment; Providing customer service; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF SAIPAN, Plaintiff, vs. EPHREM S. TAIMANAO, LUCIA M, TAIMANO, RAYMOND C. FLAWAU (as to 1 lot only – Lot 345 R 168) and CNMI DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE – DIVISION OF REVENUE & TAXATION, Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0162

NOTICE OF AUCTION ON THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Judgment issued by the Court in this matter on December 7, 2016, the court-approved auctioneer, Micheline Brel, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following real properties:

Legal description of the properties:

1. Lot 345 R 423, Rota, containing an area of 1,003 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 345 R 09 the original of which was recorded September 27, 1984 under File No. 84-2049 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

2. Lot 345 R 411, Rota, containing an area of 931 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 345 R 09, the original of which was recorded September 27, 1984 under File No. 84-2049 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

3. Lot 345 R 188, Sinapalo, Rota, containing an area of 1,033 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 345 R 04, the original of which was recorded December 19, 1983 as File No. 83-0383 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

4. Lot 345 R 79, Sinapalo, Rota, containing an area of 1,037 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 345 R 03, the original of which was recorded December 19, 1983 under File No. 83-385 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

5. Lot 011 R 16, Rota, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing / Cadastral Plat No. 011 R 00, the original of which was recorded March 06, 1974 under File No. 3439 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale:

The sale will be held on the 1st day of July, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., at the Law Offices of Michael N. Evangelista, LLC, 2nd Floor, D'Torres Building, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Condition of Sale:

The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the Law Offices of Michael N. Evangelista, LLC, 2nd Floor, D' Torres Building, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED this 3rd day of June, 2022.

LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL
NORITA EVANGELISTA, LLC.
/s/ Michael N. Evangelista,
Esq. (Bar No. 0364)
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM Plaintiff, vs. ARCH STRUCTURE CORPORATION dba ASC CONSTRUCTION, JIN XU and HAO) XU, Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 19-0229

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order Re: Foreclosure Sale issued by the Court in this matter on April 26, 2022, Vincent J. Seman, the court-appointed Auctioneer, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the rights, title, and interest of Defendants, jointly and severally, in and to the following property:

Lease Agreement entered into on February 1, 2012 and recorded on February 1, 2012 as Document Number 12-0193 which is a long-term lease of improved property located in Capitol Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (the "Lease") the real property leased thereby further described as:

Lot 162 E 01, more particularly described on Drawing/ Cadastral Plat No. 162 E 00, the original of which was recorded at the real Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan, on February 13, 1995, as File No. 95-343.

Date, Time and Place of Public Sale. The sale by public auction will be held on July 8, 2022, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. at Seman Law Offices, LLC, JET Realty Bldg., Suite 204, P.O. Box 3 10001 PMB 168, Saipan, MP 96950. The auction will be opened to the general public. The Auctioneer reserves the right to postpone or cancel the auction at any time.

Inspection of Lease Documents and Leased Property. The Lease, a Plat Map showing the boundaries of the real property that is the subject of the Lease, a map of that property's location in Saipan, this Notice of Public Sale and a copy of the Order re: Foreclosure Sale are available for inspection and copying at Seman Law Offices, LLC weekdays between the hours 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Prospective bidders can contact the Auctioneer to schedule an appointment to view and 11 inspect the leased property prior to the auction.

Terms and Conditions of Public Sale. The auction will be subject to a reserve price which the Auctioneer will disclose to bidders at the start of the auction. The winning bidder must make a non-refundable down payment to the Auctioneer at the conclusion of the auction in an amount of no less than 10% of the winning bid in cash or by cashier's check issued by a commercial bank with a Saipan branch. Within 10 calendar days of the conclusion of the auction, the winning bidder must pay to the auctioneer the remaining balance of the winning bid in cash or by cashier's check issued by a commercial bank with a Saipan branch. Upon full and timely payment, the Auctioneer will issue the winning bidder a Certificate of Sale which will be subject to and take effect upon the Court's confirmation of the sale. The sale of the Lease Agreement will be subject to a statutory right of redemption for a period of one year after the Court's confirmation of the sale. In the event such right of redemption is not exercised, an Auctioneer's Deed shall be issued to the purchaser or its assignee upon expiration of the redemption period. Any modifications or amendments to the 26 auction date will be filed with the Clerk of Court in the form of an Amended Notice of Sale and the Auctioneer will give notice to the public as required by the Order re: Foreclosure Sale.

DATED: June 7, 2022.

SEMAN LAW OFFICES, LLC
By: /s/ Vincent J. Seman
Vincent J. Seman, F-0361
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MVA's new Japan campaign: Marianacation

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

The Marianas Visitors Authority's marketing message in Japan continues to be a clean and safe Marianas, and a new campaign called "Marianacation."

MVA managing director Priscilla M. Iakopo told members of the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee during a budget hearing for MVA last week that they will continue to maximize social media channels in promoting the CNMI in Japan.

» Marketing message in Japan focusing on clean and safe Marianas

At this early stage, she said, they are targeting repeat visitors and what's called in the tourism industry as Free Independent Travelers, or the FIT market. FIT travelers make their own arrangements and do not buy travel packages.

Iakopo

Iakopo said they are working closely with travel agencies to develop packages for the family market.

She said the travel advisory to the United States, including the Marianas, was lowered last May 26 to Level One, meaning "Exercise caution."

Also, beginning June 1, 2022, the Japanese government no longer requires testing or quarantine upon arrival in Japan from the U.S. regardless of their vaccination status.

"However, all travelers are still required to have a vaccination certificate and a negative COVID-19 test to leave Japan as well as a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of departure to return back to Japan," she said.

With those requirements and continuing concerns about infections, the current travelling oversea tends to be repeaters and FITs, Iakopo said.

She cited that of about 7,000 Japanese arrivals in Hawaii in April 2022, 86% of that were repeaters and 95% did not book packages.

As for China, which was the CNMI's second largest source market before COVID-19, Iakopo said outbound travel from that country is still being heavily restricted by their government.

She said that, until there are indications that those restrictions will be lifted, they are in a "holding pattern on China."

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

GIL BLAS CONDOMINIUM OWNERS ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, v. ACE KOKU INC., and T.R.C., LTD, Defendants.

Civil Action Case No. 21-0313

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO ACE KOKU INC.:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the Court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Plaintiff's attorney, Seman Law Offices, LLC, whose physical address is JET Realty Building, Suite 204, Gualo Rai, Saipan and whose mailing address is P.O. Box 10001 PMB 168, Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, Judgement by Default may be taken against you for relief in the Complaint.

Dated: June 16, 2022

By: /s/
D. Clerk of the Superior Court

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

GIL BLAS CONDOMINIUM OWNERS ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, v. ACE KOKU INC., and T.R.C., LTD, Defendants.

Civil Action Case No. 21-0313

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO T.R.C., LTD.:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the Court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Plaintiff's attorney, Seman Law Offices, LLC, whose physical address is JET Realty Building, Suite 204, Gualo Rai, Saipan and whose mailing address is P.O. Box 10001 PMB 168, Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

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Dated: June 16, 2022

By: /s/
D. Clerk of the Superior Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Estate of URSULA CAMACHO TINIO Deceased.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 22-0136

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Concepcion Clara Camacho has filed a Petition for Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Ursula Camacho Tinio; and that the said Petition will be heard by the Court on Thursday, July 21, 2022, at the hour of 10:00a.m. of the said day.

Notice is also given to all heirs of and persons having claims against the Estate of Ursula Camacho Tinio, deceased, and to all persons claiming an interest in said Estate, that they shall file such claims with the Clerk of this Court within sixty (60) days from the first publication of this Notice. Copies of such claims should be provided to Michael A. White, Esq., The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, P.O. Box 522 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950, attorney for Petitioner. All claims not so filed shall be forever barred.

Dated: 21 June 2022

/s/ JOSEPH N. CAMACHO, Associate Judge

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AMENDED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-003-19

FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
GENERAL AIRPORT TYPHOON YUTU FENCE REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting proposals for the procurement, furnishing and installation of chain link fencing and accessories (commercial and industrial grades), for the installation and general Typhoon Yutu repair/replacement work of its chain-link fences per this Scope of Work and associated Contract Documents, located at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. Project shall be in compliance with all current federal, state and local government agencies' rules and regulations. This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 40-50-225.

The CPA Executive Director hereby determines that the use of an invitation for bid is neither practical nor advantageous to the CPA because CPA wishes to acquire services and products that cannot be evaluated by cost alone, or that factors other than price, such as technical expertise and/or the quality of materials, should be considered in determining the successful contractor.

Proposals shall be submitted no later than **5:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2022**, to the Office of the Executive Director, 2ND floor of the Arriver Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. All proposals shall become property of CPA.

Contractors are requested to submit one original and four (4) copies of their proposals, sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: **"Proposal for General Airport Typhoon Yutu Fence Repairs and Replacements, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, CPA-SA-003-19".**

The Scope of Work (SOW) may be picked up at the CPA Accounting Office upon payment of **$50.00** per package. Project approach and cost must be within the parameters of the established SOW. Any deviation from the SOW, a proposal based on reduced SOW or a proposal that exceeds what is required by the SOW, may be grounds for immediate disqualification of the offeror's proposal package. Criteria for scoring proposals and proposal submission requirements are detailed in the Proposal Requirement section of the SOW.

Questions should be submitted to the CPA Executive Director, Christopher S. Tenorio, in writing, or emailed to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, Executive Assistant/Project Manager at wprater@cnmiports.com at least ten (10) days prior to the proposal submission date. Contractors are welcome to inspect the facilities that are not within any secured locations; however, site visits for the Air Traffic Control Tower and ARFF Training Facility should be coordinated with Ms. Prater at telephone number 670-237-6500 or via the email address written above. Responses to all questions or requests for information will be provided to all proposers who picked up a proposal package.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a proposal bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Upon award, contractor shall execute performance and payment bonds for 100% of the contract amount from a CPA approved surety prior to commencement of work.

The Project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the receipt of proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold the contract award for one hundred eighty (180) calendar days from the date of receipt of proposals. Therefore, proposers and their subcontractors must hold their proposal prices in effect for up to 180 calendar days.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The United States Secretary of Transportation has granted the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands an exemption from the requirements of the Department of Transportation's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) regulation, which later became the Department of Transportation's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program, as it relates to FAA grant programs. The Secretary of Transportation has not determined that a portion of those requirements should be reinstated.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: June 15, 2022

MVA office closure and relocation

Due to its office's relocation, the Marianas Visitors Authority office on Saipan will be closed to walk-in customers from June 27 to July 1, 2022. Normal office hours will resume on July 5, 2022, at the new office location on the first floor of the Gold Beach Hotel on Beach Road in Garapan. For assistance, contact the office at info@mymarianas.com or call 664-3200/1. ***(PR)***

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
RE-ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 22 – 022

Opening Date: June 13, 2022
Closing Date: June 27, 2022

POSITION TITLE:	**Fiscal Assistant/Dispatch Operator**
DEPARTMENT:	**COA/Customer Service/Call Center**
LOCATION:	**Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands, USA**
ANNUAL SALARY:	**$16,742.00 per annum, Non-Exempt**
CONTRACT:	**Not Contracted**
POSITION(S):	**Two (2)**

The incumbent will be under the direct supervision of the Chief of Administration or his/her designee.

Duties:
- Monitors radio communications in order to dispatch crews for troubleshooting and for related service calls.
- Receives incoming calls reporting complaints or issues related to water, sewer or power utilities; provides general customer service;
  and routes service calls to appropriate resource.
- Organizes and maintains file systems and pertinent records.
- Performs data entry; maintains and updates logs and dispatch related documentation.
- Prepares and maintains requisitions.
- Follows up with customers to provide basic information, status updates, and to verify customer's experience and any remaining service needs.
- Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

Minimum Requirements:

Education: High School Diploma or GED or ABE Program AS and up to 1 year of customer service experience.

Knowledge of: Customer service principles; Basic recordkeeping principles; Radio communications equipment procedures; Modern office technology.

Skills in: Providing customer service; Monitoring and utilizing radio communications and equipment; receiving and routing service or problem calls; entering, updating and maintaining data; organizing and maintaining filing systems and records; preparing and updating logs, records and related documentation; performing follow up calls to ensure adequate service provision; utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

All applicants may be tested and all applicants are subject to pre-employment drug test.

How to Apply: Submit a completed CUC Employment Application, resume, and applicable supporting documents to the CUC Human Resources office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan, Monday through Friday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm (Except Legal Holidays). Applicants on the island of Tinian and Rota may submit their documents to their respective CUC Administration office. Application, resume and supporting documents can also be e-mailed to: employment.applications@cucgov.org

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
RE-ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 22 – 032

Opening Date: June 13, 2022
Closing Date: June 27, 2022

POSITION TITLE:	**Fiscal Technician, Customer Service Representative**
DEPARTMENT:	**COA/Customer Service**
LOCATION:	**Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands, USA**
ANNUAL SALARY:	**$20,826.00 - $28,115.00 per annum, Non-Exempt**
CONTRACT:	**Not Contracted**
POSITION(S):	**Four (4)**

The incumbent will be under the direct supervision of the Chief of Administration or his/her designee.

Duties:
- May supervise staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staff is trained; ensuring that employees follow policies and procedures; maintaining a healthy and safe working environment; and, making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations.
- Receives and processes customer payments; screens and verifies check receipts; updates customer accounts; reviews customer account status for partial payment receipts; computes payment information; and issues payment slips.
- May provide field utility meter inspection, testing, investigation, repairs and service documentation.
- Enters and verifies account changes and correction transactions; researches, reconciles and compiles adjustment documentation; prepares billing adjustments; and/or documents customer account status.
- Balances cash and other payment receipts and prepares bank deposits; balances credit card receipts with merchant settlement records; prepares sales deposits; processes customer refund payments; may process and file payroll documents.
- Receives and responds to customer calls and inquiries; reviews account and payment information; explains customer billing regarding charge disputes; assists customers with new accounts, required documentation and application processing; processes work orders as required; and refers inquiries to appropriate resource.
- Organizes and files revenue receipts, change vouchers, and related reports; maintains filing system; and prepares listings, schedules and activity reports.
- Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

Minimum Requirements:
Education: High School Diploma or GED or ABE Program AS and 4 years of utility accounts or fiscal support experience.
Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Supervisory principles, practices and techniques (based on assignment); Cash handling practices (based on assignment); Customer service principles; Basic mathematical principles; Recordkeeping principles; Safety principles and safe work practices; Applicable equipment used in field utility services (based on assignment); Modern office technology.
Skills in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Supervising, monitoring, training and evaluating staff (based on assignment); Receiving, posting and reconciling payments, cash receipts or account information; Verifying and updating account or utility meter information; Providing customer service and responding to inquiries; Coordinating services with other departments or resources; Inspecting and operating field equipment related to utility usage and testing (based on assignment); Performing basic mathematical calculations; Researching, reconciling and preparing account adjustments and related documentation; Preparing and maintaining files, forms, reports and records; Copying and scanning documents; Updating, maintaining and preparing reports and spreadsheet tracking documents; Researching account information and providing information regarding billing disputes; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

Licensing: Valid CNMI Driver's License with appropriate class.

All applicants may be tested and all applicants are subject to pre-employment drug test.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
RE-ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 22 – 048

Opening Date: June 14, 2022
Closing Date: June 28, 2022

POSITION TITLE:	**Administrative Assistant**
DEPARTMENT:	**Water Division**
LOCATION:	**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA**
ANNUAL SALARY:	**$16,742.00 - $22,602.00 per annum, Non-Exempt**
CONTRACT:	**Not Contracted**
POSITION(S):	**One (1)**

The incumbent will be under the direct supervision of the Drinking Water & Wastewater Division Manager or his/her designee.

Duties:
- Gathers, assembles updates, processes and/or distributes forms, documents, requests, invoices, mail and/or records; reviews information for completeness, accuracy and content; resolves discrepancies; prepares information for processing and disseminates and/or maintains documentation.
- Provides reception duties and responds to requests for information; provides customer support with completing forms and answering routine questions; refers inquiries as required to the appropriate resource; and advises management of issues for resolution.
- Enters data in systems or on documents; organizes and maintain files, records, logs, and/or timesheets; ensure file integrity and retention of records and documentation according to established procedures.
- Retrieves and/or prepares reports, correspondence, documents, deposits, account adjustments and other related documentation.
- Monitors supplies, materials and/or equipment inventory; prepares requisitions replenishment of supplies or required services; monitors order status; coordinates deliveries and services with vendors; and may provide pick up or delivery of documents or items as needed.
- Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

Minimum Requirements:
Education: High School Diploma, GED or ABE Program.
Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances (based on assignment); Customer service principles; Basic filing and recordkeeping principles; Basic mathematical concepts; Basic inventory and supplies maintenance practices; Specialized equipment relevant to area of assignment; Modern office technology. Strong interpersonal and communication skills, clerical skills, and moderate computer proficiency.
Skills in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards (based on assignment); Providing customer service, Filing, organizing and maintain records and files; Preparing basic reports, correspondence and documentation; Managing time and prioritizing requests; Providing attention to detail; Proofreading documents for accuracy; Identifying errors and making corrections; Reviewing and researching account information; Maintaining confidentiality of records and information; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with co-workers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

Licensing: Valid Driver's License with appropriate class.

All applicants may be tested and all applicants are subject to pre-employment drug test.

How to Apply: Submit a completed CUC Employment Application, resume, and applicable supporting documents to the CUC Human Resources Department located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan, Monday through Friday, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm (except legal holidays). Applicants on the island of Tinian and Rota may submit their documents to their respective CUC Administration office. Application, resume and supporting documents can also be e-mailed to: employment.applications@cucgov.org

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
RE-ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 22-072

Opening Date: June 14, 2022
Closing Date: June 28, 2022

POSITION TITLE:	**Fiscal Assistant: Cashier**
DEPARTMENT:	**CFO/Treasury/Cashiers**
LOCATION:	**Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands, USA**
ANNUAL SALARY:	**$16,742.00 to $22,602.00 per annum, Non- Exempt**
CONTRACT:	**Not Contracted**
POSITION(S):	**One (1)**

The incumbent will be under the direct supervision of the Chief Financial Officer or his/her designee. This class specification represents only the core areas of responsibilities; specific position assignments will vary depending on the needs of the department.

Duties:
- The Fiscal Assistant updates and verifies customer account or work order information; enters and balances payment data; prepares timekeeping records; may work in the field obtaining and entering customer utility meter information, and replacing or disconnecting utility meters and services.
- Receives customer payments; balances and records cash and other payment receipts; verifies receipts against payment system data; and prepares deposits.
- Monitors and updates customer account information; researches account discrepancies or unusual meter readings; calculates payment information for past-due accounts, new installations and security deposits; reports research findings; and/or follows up on service or work order status.
- Greets customers or receives calls; responds to customer inquiries such as account balance information, payment due dates, minimum payment amounts due or general information inquiries; refers customers to appropriate resources.
- Copies and scans documents; maintains and organizes files records, reports and accounting transaction documentation.
- Updates and maintains spreadsheet reports; prepares fiscal transaction reports or other work activity reports.
- Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

Minimum Requirements:
Education: High School Diploma or General Education Diploma or Adult Basic Education Program.
Knowledge of: Cash handling practices (based on assignment); Customer service principles; Basic mathematical principles; Recordkeeping principles; Safety principles and safe work practices; Applicable equipment used in field utility services (based on assignment); Modern office technology.
Skills in: Receiving, posting and reconciling payments, cash receipts or account information; Verifying and updating account or utility meter information; Providing customer service and responding to inquiries; Coordinating services with other departments or resources; Inspecting and operating field equipment related to utility usage (based on assignment); Performing basic mathematical calculations; Researching account information or discrepancies; Preparing and maintaining files, forms, reports and records; Copying and scanning documents; Updating, maintaining and preparing reports and spreadsheet tracking documents; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO LEASE PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with Section 106 (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to lease certain public land in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

i. The proposed lease of public land is described as Lot 064 D 04 containing an area of approximately 7,138 square meters, more or less, situated in Navy Hill, Saipan. A copy of the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands and website www.dpl.gov.mp for inspection.

ii. The prospective lessee is Saipan Palau Evangelical Church. The lists of officers for Saipan Palau Evangelical Church, are David Leskosek, as President, and Semesi Betevua as Vice President.

iii. The proposed lease is compliant with DPL regulations and was negotiated by Mr. David Leskosek.

iv. The lessee shall use the premises solely for the purpose of operation of a Saipan-Palau Evangelical Church program and activities, Sunday School, and other church related activities.

The term of the Public Land Lease agreement is 25 years.

The proposed annual rental during the term of the lease agreement is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the property in DPL's regulation.

v. A copy of the proposed lease agreement may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; 1st floor of the De'Ana Commercial Building, Songsong Village, Rota; or the 1st floor of the PM Building, Tinian. A copy will also be available online at www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. The Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public land in Navy Hill, Saipan.

vii. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before, June 30, 2022 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

NUTISIA PUT I MAPROPONI NA ATKILON TÅNU´ PUPBLIKU

Gi sigun Seksiona 106 (b) gi Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku mannåå'i guini nutisia put i intensiona para u atkila finitmi na tanu' pupbliku giya Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Mariånas. Maseha håyi na pattida ni intirisao gi hålum henerål pupbliku siña muna'hålum upiñon, imfotmasion, pat testimoniun kinontra gi tinahguin prinoponi siha para i atkilon nu i tanu' pupbliku. Kumu mapribeni mås mo'na ginin i Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i tinattitiyipettanesin na imfotmasion manisisita para u mapupblika.

i. I maproponi na atkilon tanu' pupbliku madiskribi kumu Lot 064 D 04 ni konsisisti kåsi 7,138 square meters, mås pat menus, ni gaigi gi Navy Hill, iya Saipan. I kopianpåttinmåpa i lugåt managuaha gi ufisinan Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku yan website gi www.dpl.gov.mp para inspeksion.

ii. I "prospective lessee" i "Saipan Palau Evangelical Church." I listanufisiåt siha para i "Saipan Palau Evangelical Church," sa si David Leskosek, komu Presidenti, yan si Semesi Betevua komu Sigundu Presidenti.

iii. I maproponi na atkilon ha tattiyi i regulasion DPL yan manigosiu gi as Siñot David Leskosek.

iv. I "lessee" debi na u usa i lugåt solamienti para i hinagai prugråma yan aktibidåt nu "Saipan-Palau Evangelical Church" siha, Iskuelan Damenggu, yan otru manasosiåt na aktibidåt ekglesia siha.

I tema i kontråtan Atkilon Tanu' Pupbliku sa' bentisingku (25) åñus.

I maproponi na atkilon kada såkkan gi duråntin i tema magiha gi putsientu i "appraised fair market value" gi halum i regulasion DPL.

v. I kopian i maproponi na kontrå tanatkilon siña machuli' gi Ufisinan Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha, ni gaigi gi Sigundu (2nd) bibienda gi Joeten Dandan Commercial Building giya Dandan, Saipan; Primet (1st) bibienda gi De'Ana Commercial Building, giya Songsong Village, Luta; pat i primet (1st) bibienda gi PM Building, giya Tinian. Managuaha siempri kopia online gi www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. I Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku tåya ha risibi tinahguin propositu siha para u ma'atkilamasuhetu na tanu' pupbliku giya Navy Hill, Saipan.

vii. I Sekritårian Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku debi na u akseptatinigi' upiñon, imfotmasion, testimoniun kinentra pat alternative proposals ginin i manintirisåo na pattida siha gi pat åntis di Hunio 30, 2022 gi ufisinan Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha ni gaigi giya Saipan, Luta pat Tinian.

ARONGORONGOL TOULAP REEL KKAPASAL PPWOMWOL ATKKILOONOOL

Sángi Tálil 106 (b) reel Alléghúl Toulap 15-2, Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap e attotoowow arongorong reel igha re mángemángil rebwe atkkilaay akkááw faluweer toulap llól Seipél, Commonwealth Téél Falúw kka Efáng llól Marianas. Schóó kka re mwuschel isiisilong kkapas, data, views, ngáre angiingi reel pommwol atkkilóónol faluweer toulap. Eyoor sángi Alléghúl Toulap 15-2, arongorong ikka e amwirimwiritiw ebwe akkatééwow.

i. Pommwol atkkilóónol faluweer toulap e bwáálló bwe Lot 064 D 04 e bwe bwáá bwe 7,138 reel square meters, elapeló ngáre eghus, iye e lo Navy Hill, Seipél. Pappidil falúw yeel eyoor me Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap me bwalwóól website me www.dpl.gov.mp ngáre u mwuschel amwuri.

ii. Pommwol school atkkilóón nge Saipan Palau Evangelical Church. List-al officers ngáli Saipan Palau Evangelical Church, nge David Leskosek, bwe President, me Semesi Betevua bwe Vice President.

iii. Pommwol atkkilóón nge e angúúngú fengál me mwóghutughutúl DPL me e abwungubwung sángi Mr. David Leskosek.

iv. Schóól atkkilóón ebwe yááyá falúw ngá limwó ghutughutúl Saipan-Palau Evangelical Church me progróómal me mwóghutughut, "Sunday School", me ákkááw mwóghutughut ikka e bwal schuu long.

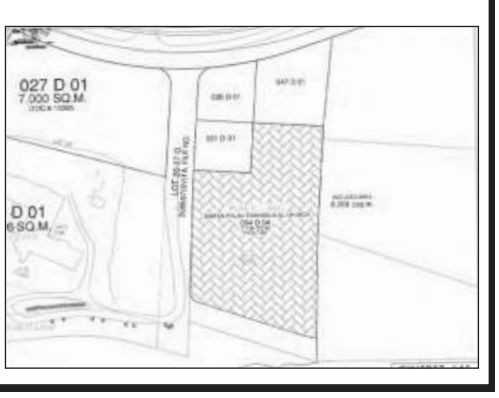
Pommwol abwungubwungúl Atkkilóónol Faluweer Toulap nge ruweigh me limoow ráágh.

Pommwol atkkilóónol ghal ráágh nge e lo reel "percentage" sángi "appraised fair market value" reel falúwfengál me llól mwóghutughutúl DPL.

v. Pappidil pommwol abwungubwungúl Atkkilóón emmwel ubwe bweibwogh me reelBwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap, iye e lo 2nd floor reel Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Seipél; 1st floor reel De'Ana Commercial Building, apilómwol Songsong, me Luuta; ngáre 1st floor reel PM Building, Tchiliyól. Ebwal yoor pappidil mille online me www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap rese bweibwogh pommw iye re siiweli ngáli atkkilóón iye e lo weiláng reel faluweer toulap me Navy Hill, Seipél.

vii. Sekkretóóriyal Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap emmwelil bweibwogh ischil mángemáng, views, angii ngáre pommw iye re siiweli sángi schóó kka re mwuschel wóól ngáre mmwalil Unnyo 30, 2022 me Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap me Seipél, Luuta, ngáre Tchiliyól.



NMPMG celebrates Olympic Day

The Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 joins the rest of the world in celebrating Olympic Day, which was first celebrated on June 23, 1894.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The 2022 Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games is an opportunity for countries of the Pacific to unite and bolster their relations. This message is even more relevant today. Olympic Day, first celebrated on June 23, 1894, further exemplifies the importance of diversity, solidarity, and the ability for us as people to come together and share in revelry.

Olympic Day was originally created to promote the Olympic Movement annually. As the years have progressed, its purpose and message has evolved and grown into something much greater.

Founded in the pillars of "Move, learn, discover—Together for a better world," Olympic Day is meant to spread sports to everyone, regardless of age, gender, social background, or sporting ability. This year, a new pillar has risen to bolster the message of Olympic Day. This pillar is titled "Together for a better world."

This year's Olympic Day theme is meant to push the idea that together we can bring peace. It is a call to action for everyone, of any and all nations, to come together and support a peaceful world. Each country celebrates Olympic Day differently. Some have incorporated its message and teachings into their school curriculum and some have their own sporting events. ***(PR)***

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NOTICE OF CRM PUBLIC HEARING
CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE TINIAN QUARRY MARIANA GROWTH, LLC PERMIT APPLICATION NO. TMS-2022-038

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed Tinian Quarry Operation in Marpo Valley, Tinian.

The Mariana Growth, LLC is proposing to construct and operate a rock quarry in Marpo Valley, Tinian. The project includes a quarry operation, ponding basin, fuel and storage house, leach field, a crusher machine and security area. The project site is situated on public land identified as Lot No. 266 T 05, measuring an area of about 25,560 square meters.

The public hearing for this project is scheduled on **Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 5:00PM, at the Tinian Elementary School Cafeteria, in San Jose, Tinian.**

To maintain the health and safety of all, virtual public participation is highly encouraged via video conferencing through Zoom link: hhtps://zoom.us/j (Meeting ID: 6706648315). Our Zoom meeting access code may change, please call the DCRM Permitting Office at (670) 664-8300 for connection assistance at least one-day prior to the public hearing date.

If you are unable to attend, written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Permitting Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, P.O. Box 501304, or sent by fax at 664-8315, or by email at ssablan@dcrm.gov.mp. The project files are open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application records and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed projects. Please contact Ms. Sam Sablan at the DCRM Permitting Office at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about Tinian Quarry Project.

/s/ Richard V. Salas
Director
Division of Coastal Resources Management

World

Uvalde school police chief on leave after mass shooting

DALLAS (AP)—The Uvalde school district's police chief was put on leave Wednesday following allegations that he erred in his response to the mass shooting at Robb Elementary School that left 19 students and two teachers dead.

Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District Superintendent Hal Harrell said that he put schools police Chief Pete Arredondo on administrative leave because the facts of what happened remain unclear. In a statement, Harrell did not address Arredondo's actions as on-site commander during the attack but said he didn't know when details of federal, state and local investigations into the law enforcement response to the slayings would be revealed.

"From the beginning of this horrible event, I shared that the district would wait until the investigation was complete before making personnel decisions," Harrell said. "Because of the lack of clarity that remains and the unknown timing of when I will receive the results of the investigations, I have made the decision to place Chief Arredondo on administrative leave effective on this date."

A spokesperson for the Uvalde school district, Anne Marie Espinoza, declined to say whether Arredondo would continue to be paid while on leave.

Another officer will assume the embattled chief's duties, Harrell said.

Col. Steven McCraw, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, told a state Senate hearing on Tuesday that Arredondo made "terrible decisions" as the massacre unfolded on May 24 , and that the police response was an "abject failure."

Three minutes after 18-year-old Salvador Ramos entered the school, sufficient armed law enforcement were on scene to stop the gunman, McCraw testified. Yet police officers armed with rifles waited in a school hallway for more than an hour while the gunman carried out the massacre. The classroom door could not be locked from the inside, but there is no indication officers tried to open the door while the gunman was inside, McCraw said.

McCraw has said parents begged police outside the school to move in and students inside the classroom repeatedly pleaded with 911 operators for help while more than a dozen officers waited in a hallway. Officers from other agencies urged Arredondo to let them move in because children were in danger.

WORLD BRIEFS

4 people wounded by man on stabbing rampage in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—A man wounded four people in a stabbing rampage stopped by bystanders who brought him to the ground in a New Zealand city neighborhood Thursday, police said. Police District Commander Naila Hassan said the attack in Auckland was random and the suspect was in custody. She said there was no indication the attack was a hate crime, as the victims were of different genders, ethnicities and ages. "This was an extremely fast-moving incident, where our police staff responded quickly, apprehended the offender and prevented further harm to our communities," Hassan said. She said the victims all suffered moderate injuries.

Myanmar's Suu Kyi moved from secret location to prison

BANGKOK (AP)—Ousted Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi was transferred Wednesday from a secret detention location to a prison in the country's capital, legal officials familiar with her case said. Her ongoing court cases will be tried at a new facility constructed in the prison compound, they said. Suu Kyi was arrested on Feb. 1, 2021, when the army seized power from her elected government. She was initially held at her residence in the capital, but was later moved to at least one other location, and for about the past year has been held at an undisclosed location in the capital, Naypyitaw, generally assumed to be on a military base. She has been tried on multiple charges, including corruption, at a special court in Naypyitaw that began hearings on May 24, 2021. Each of the 11 corruption counts she faces is punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

1/6 panel to hear of Trump's pressure on Justice Dept.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Jan. 6 committee will hear from former Justice Department officials who faced down a relentless pressure campaign from Donald Trump over the 2020 presidential election results while suppressing a bizarre challenge from within their own ranks. The hearing Thursday will bring attention to a memorably turbulent stretch at the department as Trump in his final days in office sought to bend to his will a law enforcement agency that has long cherished its independence from the White House. The testimony is aimed at showing how Trump not only relied on outside advisers to press his election fraud claims, but also tried to leverage the powers of federal executive branch agencies. The witnesses will include Jeffrey Rosen, who was acting attorney general during the Jan. 6, 2021, assault on the U.S. Capitol. Three days earlier, Rosen was part of a tense Oval Office showdown in which Trump contemplated replacing him with a lower-level official, Jeffrey Clark, who wanted to champion Trump's claims of election fraud. Two other former department officials, Rosen's top deputy, Richard Donoghue, and Steven Engel, are also scheduled to testify.

Lightning strike kills woman, 2 dogs in Southern California

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A woman and two dogs were killed by a lightning strike Wednesday as thunderstorms pounded Southern California, authorities said. The fatal lightning strike was reported at 8:50 a.m. near the San Gabriel River in Pico Rivera, said Los Angeles County sheriff's Sgt. Jonathan Branham. "It was a female Hispanic adult who had been struck by lightning and did not survive her injuries," he said. "She was walking two dogs and the dogs were also deceased." The woman was later identified as Antonia Mendoza Chavez, 52.

I AM HOME

† Margarita Naputi Tenorio

[Lovingly known as "Nan Meggie Esang"]
August 05, 1931 – June 19, 2022

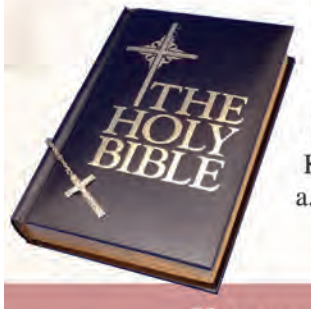
"A servant of the Lord. A loving, caring, kind, supportive and selfless soul who unconditionally gave of herself"

Our Lord summoned **Nan Meggie** to join Him in Paradise. **Nan Meggie** entered the gate of Heaven and was greeted and reunited with her loving husband, **Eugenio Villagomez Tenorio;** her parents, **Antonio** and **Consolacion Ogo Naputi;** her parents-in-law, **Jose Pangelinan** and **Magdalena Cruz Villagomez Tenorio;** brothers and sisters **Candelaria Naputi Manibusan, Juana Naputi Takai, Rosa, Enrique and Jose Ogo Naputi, Francisca Naputi Santos, Maria Naputi Pangelinan, Nicolasa Naputi Rios,** and **Rita Palacios (Familian Talu)**

Nan Meggie lived a very happy and fulfilling life with her children and their families, who adored and respected her as their role model, mother and friend, tutor and confidant. Family time was important to **Nan Meggie** and was well spent sharing pleasant stories and conversations with them. Her joyful life and pleasant memories will forever be instilled in the hearts of her children and their families – **Magdalena** Tenorio and Ramon Camacho Cabrera (**Eugene**, Monique and children; **Melanie Renae**, Tony and Maya Terese, **Max Raymond** and Wynnee; **Soledad Margarita**; and **Margarita** and Charles); Joseph Naputi and Annabelle Romeo Tenorio (Ann Margaret [Rayanna], and Luisa Angeline); Nan Meggie's Caregivers - Revelina Evangelista, Emy Cayabyab, and Malou Gambao. Nan Meggie will be greatly missed by numerous cousins, nephews, nieces, god-children as well as numerous acquaintances.

A devout lady of faith, **Nan Meggie** was always committed to making time for daily prayers as techa for ill family members and friends, visiting and praying with them on countless occasions to recite the many novenas and rosaries. She was well known for her special lunch and pastries for students in the 1970's and 1980's.

As an auntie, cousin, friend, **Nan Meggie** touched the lives of many with her simple and pleasant personality; and her companionship will be missed immensely.



Daily masses of intention are offered daily at 6:00 a.m. at the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral. **Nan Meggie** will be with us for the last time on Monday, June 27, 2022 at the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral beginning at 7:30 am for responso service, Nanan Kilisyano rosary, and public visitation. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. followed immediately with the Rite of Committal at Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Your presence, thoughts, especially your prayers are sincerely appreciated.

Children and families of †Eugenio and †Margarita Naputi Tenorio

Off The Wall

Sonic workers flee from a snake found behind fryer

BRUNSWICK, Ga. (AP)—Workers cooking burgers and tater tots in a Sonic fast-food kitchen fled after discovering an intruder hiding behind the deep fryer.

Brunswick police Lt. Matthew Wilson found employees of the Sonic drive-in huddled in the parking lot when he arrived to investigate last Saturday. On the phone they had described the culprit as brown with diamonds on its back.

"When I saw it, I could tell it was just a ball python and not a rattlesnake," Wilson told The Brunswick News.

He not only removed the large, non-venomous snake, but also found it a new home with a friend who has a large terrarium and a fondness for snakes.

Wilson says the python likely slipped into the Sonic's kitchen on May 21 through an open back door, finding a cozy spot for its cold-blooded body behind the hot fryer.

Police don't know where the snake came from, though Wilson says it had likely been a pet that got turned loose by its owner.

Eammon Leonard agreed. He's an invasive species biologist with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Leonard said snakes are often an impulse buy and owners find themselves having second thoughts as their scaly pets grow larger.

"It could be somebody just didn't think through the consequences of a large snake as a pet," Leonard said. "Some people have regrets later on and just release things. It is definitely irresponsible."

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Can I talk to a human? Spain presents customer service bill

MADRID (AP)—Tired of speaking to a machine when you call the bank or power company? Spain's government wants to end those nerve-shattering, one-sided conversations with a computerized answering service by making it obligatory for companies to offer a real, flesh-and-blood customer service worker when so requested by a caller. That is one among a battery of measures included in a customer service bill presented by Spain's left-wing coalition government on Tuesday. The bill will need the approval of Spain's Parliament before it can become law. "Customer service is a critical part of our relations with consumers which unfortunately and far too often causes endless headaches for Spanish families because far too many companies create bureaucratic labyrinths to stop you from exercising your right to service," said Consumption Minister Alberto Garzón. "These are difficulties which unfortunately waste an enormous among of energy, time and money." The bill would also seek to do away with long wait times by forcing companies to answer calls within three minutes.

It's a joey! Bronx Zoo announces birth of rare tree kangaroo

NEW YORK (AP)—A baby tree kangaroo that's just poking its nose out of its mother's pouch is the first of its species born at the Bronx Zoo since 2008, zoo officials announced Friday. The birth of the Matschie's tree kangaroo joey "is an exciting birth for the Bronx Zoo and a unique opportunity for people to observe one of nature's most intriguing evolutionary adaptations," zoo director Jim Breheny said in a news release. The Matschie's tree kangaroo is native to Papua New Guinea and is listed as endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature. It is arboreal and lives in mountain rainforests. The species is much smaller than Australia's well-known red kangaroo. An adult male Matschie's tree kangaroo weighs between 20 and 25 lb (9–11 kg). The joey is about the size of a human thumbnail at birth, zoo officials said. The tiny joey crawls through the mother's fur to enter her pouch and emerges after about seven months.

Deputy: Reckless driver said arrest was on her bucket list

A 19-year-old South Florida woman who fled from law enforcement in the Florida Keys on Thursday told the deputy who caught up to her that getting arrested was on her "bucket list." She was charged with fleeing and eluding, Monroe County Sheriff's officials said. Deputy spotted the woman's vehicle driving recklessly just before 8 a.m. Thursday. He turned on his lights and siren but the car did not immediately stop. Before she was taken to jail the woman said getting arrested had been on her bucket list since high school.

Pub in Vogue, England rebuffs magazine's name-change request

LONDON (AP)—The owner of a rural English pub says he was asked to change the bar's name by a fashion magazine because of the village where it's located: Vogue. Mark Graham, who runs the Star Inn at Vogue, said he received a letter from British Vogue publisher Conde Nast, saying the name could "cause problems" because members of the public might confuse the two businesses. He said the letter from Sabine Vandenbroucke, chief operating officer of Conde Nast Britain, asked if he would change the name, adding: "Please reply within seven days or we will take remedial action." Graham stood his ground. "There's always too much a case of the big boys trying to stomp on the little boys, and as soon as I realized what they were trying to do, I went 'you're not having me, my handsome,'" he told broadcaster ITV.

Dozens of rescuers help save dolphins stranded on Cape Cod

WELLFLEET, Mass. (AP)—More than 40 people—including marine mammal experts, interns and volunteers—spent several hours battling an incoming tide to help rescue seven dolphins that got stranded in the shallow waters of a Cape Cod river this week. The International Fund for Animal Welfare first got word that the Atlantic white-sided dolphins got stranded in a shallow gut of the Herring River in Wellfleet around 7 a.m. Wednesday, and rescuers were on the scene by about 8 a.m., the organization said in a statement. It's not unusual for dolphins to get stranded in the area because of its shape as a hook within the larger hook of Cape Cod's shoreline, and because of large tidal fluctuations in Cape Cod Bay. "The dolphins appeared alert and in good health, but the day was sure to be sunny and warm and we needed to move quickly," said Misty Niemeyer, of IFAW's Marine Mammal Rescue & Research team.

Science & Technology

S. Korea satellite blasts off using a homegrown rocket

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea conducted its first successful satellite launch using a domestically developed rocket on Tuesday, officials said, boosting its growing aerospace ambitions and demonstrating it has key technologies needed to launch spy satellites and build larger missiles amid tensions with rival North Korea.

The Nuri rocket, the first domestically produced space rocket, lifts off from a launch pad at the Naro Space Center in Goheung, South Korea, Tuesday, June 21, 2022. AP

The three-stage Nuri rocket placed a functioning "performance verification" satellite at a target altitude of 700 kilometers (435 miles) after its 4 p.m. liftoff from South Korea's space launch center on a southern island, the Science Ministry said.

The satellite transmitted signals about its status to an unmanned South Korean station in Antarctica. It is carrying four smaller satellites that will be released in coming days for Earth observation and other missions, ministry officials said.

"The science and technology of the Republic of Korea have made a great advance," Science Minister Lee Jong-Ho said in a televised news conference at the launch center. "The government will continue its audacious march toward becoming a space power together with the people."

In a video conference with scientists and others involved in the launch, President Yoon Suk Yeol congratulated them for their achievement and vowed to keep his campaign promise to establish a state aerospace agency, according to his office.

Live TV video showed the 47-meter (154-foot) rocket rising into the air amid bright flames and thick white smoke.

The launch made South Korea the world's 10th nation to place a satellite into space with its own technology.

It was South Korea's second launch of a Nuri rocket. In the first attempt last October, the rocket's dummy payload reached the desired altitude but didn't enter orbit because the engine of the rocket's third stage burned out earlier than planned.

Science Matters
A 10-foot (3 m) hammerhead shark passes under a swimmer near Miami.
Coastal cities attract big predators
The world's coastlines are rapidly urbanizing, and how increased human presence may impact species living in the ocean is not fully understood.
Wildlife and urban habitats
Crow
Racoon
Coyote
Wolf
Urban exploiters: Species that thrive in cities, often rely on garbage for food
Urban adapters: Make some use of city areas but largely rely on natural areas
Urban avoiders: Sensitive to human disturbance, stay away from humans
Beach city's urban sharks
A new study tracked the movements of bull, nurse and great hammerhead sharks near Miami, Florida
Rather than being repelled by city noise, chemicals and lights, the sharks lingered nearby, often close to shore, at all times of day
Hammerhead shark's wide head, with eyes at its ends, gives the shark clear, binocular vision above and below
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Source: University of Miami Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science; Marine Ecology Progress Series journal; TNS Photos
Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Tribune News Service
Hammerhead sharks (there are nine species) evolved after the end of the Age of Dinosaurs 66 million years ago
Great hammerhead shark Largest ever recorded was 20 ft.

Life & Style

Sound off! Trumpet is 1st bloodhound to win Westminster show

TARRYTOWN, N.Y. (AP)—Now this hound has something to toot his horn about.

A bloodhound named Trumpet won the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show on Wednesday night, marking the first time the breed has ever snared U.S. dogdom's most coveted best in show prize.

Rounding the finalists' ring with a poised and powerful stride, Trumpet beat a French bulldog, a German shepherd, a Maltese, an English setter, a Samoyed and a Lakeland terrier to take the trophy.

"I was shocked," said handler, co-breeder and co-owner Heather Helmer, who also goes by Heather Buehner. The competition was stiff, "and sometimes I feel the bloodhound is a bit of an underdog."

After making dog show history, does Trumpet have a sense of how special he is?

"I think he does," his Berlin Center, Ohio-based handler said.

After his victory, Trumpet posed patiently for countless photos, eventually starting to do what bloodhounds do best—sniff around. He examined some decorative flowers that had been set up for the pictures, not appearing to find anything of note.

Winston, a French bulldog co-owned by NFL defensive lineman Morgan Fox, took second in the nation's most prestigious dog show.

"I'm just so proud of him and the whole team," Fox said by text afterward.

Fox, who was just signed by the Los Angeles Chargers and has played for the Los Angeles Rams and the Carolina Panthers, got Winston from his grandmother, Sandy Fox. She has bred and shown Frenchies for years.

Morgan Fox grew up with one and says that as he watched Winston mature, he knew the dog was a winner in both appearance and character. He went into Westminster as the top-ranked dog in the country.

"He's a joy to be around," Fox said by phone before Winston's award. "He always walks around with as much of a smile on his face as a dog can have."

The seven finalists also included Striker, a Samoyed that also made the finals last year; River, a big-winning German shepherd; MM the Lakeland terrier; Belle the English setter, and a Maltese that clearly was aiming for stardom: Her name is Hollywood.

After topping the canine rankings last year, Striker has lately been hitting a few dog shows "to keep his head in the game," said handler Laura King.

What makes the snow-white Samoyed shine in competition? "His heart," said King, of Milan, Illinois.

"His charisma shows when he's showing," and he vocally complains when he's not, she said.

While he was quiet in the ring, an Alaskan Malamute provided a yowling—cheering?—soundtrack for a semifinal round featuring the Samoyed and other breeds classified as working dogs.

The competition drew more than 3,000 purebred dogs, ranging from affenpinschers to Yorkshire terriers. The goal is to crown the dog that most represents the ideal for its breed.

Usually held in winter at New York City's Madison Square Garden, the show moved to the suburban Lyndhurst estate last year and this year because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Some dogs, such as golden retrievers, faced dozens of competitors just to win their breed and move on to the semifinals. Others were among few representatives of rare breeds.

Ooma was the only Chinook that showed up. The sled-pullers are the official dog of the state of New Hampshire, but they're rare nationwide.

AP

Trumpet, a bloodhound, competes for best in show at the 146th Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, Wednesday, June 22, 2022, in Tarrytown, N.Y.

George Chauncey wins $500,000 Library of Congress award

NEW YORK (AP)—Historian George Chauncey has received a $500,000 lifetime achievement award from the Library of Congress, the John W. Kluge Prize, the first time the honor has gone to a scholar in LGBTQ studies.

The prize is given for achievement in the study of humanity. Chauncey, a professor of American history at Columbia University, is known for such books as "Gay New York" and "Why Marriage? The History Shaping Today's Debate over Gay Equality."

"Professor Chauncey's trailblazing career gave us all better insight into, and understanding of, the LGBTQ+ community and history," Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden said in a statement released Wednesday. "His work that helped transform our nation's attitudes and laws, epitomizes the Kluge Center's mission to support research at the intersection of the humanities and public policy."

The Kluge prize is named for the late philanthropist and television mogul. Previous winners include Drew Gilpin Faust and John Hope Franklin.

"I am deeply honored to receive the Kluge Prize," Chauncey said in a statement, "and grateful that the Library of Congress has recognized the importance and vibrancy of the field of LGBTQ history."

Diary of 12-year-old Ukrainian refugee to be released

NEW YORK (AP)—The reflections of a 12-year-old refugee from the Russian invasion of Ukraine will be published this fall. Yeva Skalietska's book is called "You Don't Know What War Is: The Diary of a Young Girl from Ukraine."

Skalietska

Union Square & Co. will release her account Oct. 25.

"Everyone knows what the word 'war' means, but practically no one knows what this word really represents," Skalietska said in a statement released Wednesday. "I want the world to know what we have experienced."

Skalietska's book begins with her 12th birthday, shortly before the Russians attacked on Feb. 24. She had been living in Kharkiv with her grandmother when the bombing began. (Yeva's parents separated when she was a baby, and her grandmother has raised her).

"She describes the bombings they endured while sheltering underground, and their desperate journey to West Ukraine. She shares her confusion about why the Russians would attack them, since she speaks Russian and follows many of their customs," according to Union Square's announcement.

"After many endless train rides and a prolonged stay in an overcrowded refugee center in Hungary—because several countries in Europe refused them entry—Yeva and her beloved grandmother eventually find refuge in Dublin, where she bravely begins to forge a new life, hoping she'll be able to return home one day," the publisher said.

Union Square will donate a portion of the proceeds to Ukraine refugee organizations.

Couple's 'golden years' look increasingly dark

DEAR ABBY: My husband, who is 81 and in excellent health, has just suggested that when we feel we can no longer live independent lives (I am 72), we should move closer to his daughter in another state so she and her husband can help us.

Abby, I don't LIKE her husband, and I don't want to be reliant on him, beholden to him or even socialize with him. In the 15 years I have known him, we have never had a conversation. In the beginning, I tried, but he cannot relate to older women. Apparently, he didn't have a good relationship with his mother. His only topics of conversation are his dogs, guns or sports. I have no interest in any of those things.

It breaks my heart that my husband and I may not be spending the last years of our lives together. I'm sure my husband would tell me to "get over" my dislike of his daughter's husband. Do I have to agree to be around someone I have nothing in common with? I don't like the part of the country they live in either

NERVOUS IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR NERVOUS: My late mother once told me that parents who count on their adult children "taking care of them" in their old age are often in for a rude awakening. You and your husband are supposed to be equal partners in this marriage. If you dislike not only the man his daughter is married to but also the area of the country in which they live, no law says you are obligated to relocate. I recommend you have that difficult discussion with your spouse soon, preferably in the office of a licensed marriage and family therapist.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been in an on-and-off relationship with a woman for three years. We live about two hours apart. In the beginning, our relationship was wonderful. We would see each other on a regular basis and would text and video chat almost daily. We even talked about marriage.

But as time went on, she became more and more distant. She would either take forever to respond back to me or not respond at all. Her excuse was work. She was always working and always had something going on. I then found out she was dealing with a couple of personal things. When I explained to her that relationships are all about communication, she kind of disagreed.

At one point, I was so upset, angry and frustrated that I said some horrible things to her. I even used foul language because of her not communicating. Also, she didn't even bother to take two minutes out of her time to wish me a happy birthday. I always remember her on her birthday.

She is making me out to be the bad guy. I'm so hurt and angry at her because of her refusal to communicate. Abby, what else can I do? Am I really the bad person here?

UNCERTAIN IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

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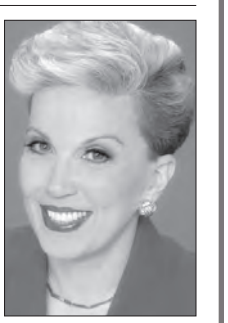

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

DEAR UNCERTAIN: Although you refuse to recognize it, this woman HAS been communicating with you. Her behavior indicates that she is nowhere as interested in you as you are in her, which should have become apparent as she became more and more distant.

You are not a bad person, and neither is she. She's just afraid to give you the bad news verbally. In cases like this, there is nothing you can do besides tell her it's apparent she isn't as invested in the relationship as you are and make a graceful exit.

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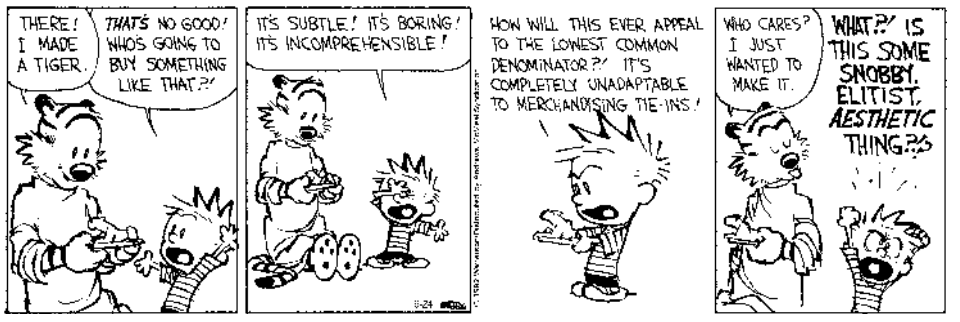
Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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IT'S SUBTLE! IT'S BORING! IT'S INCOMPREHENSIBLE!
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WHO CARES? I JUST WANTED TO MAKE IT.
WHAT?! IS THIS SOME SNOBBY, ELITIST, AESTHETIC THING?!

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

I WOULD'VE LIKED TO HAVE BEEN A SCIENTIST
WHAT KIND?
THERE ARE DIFFERENT KINDS?
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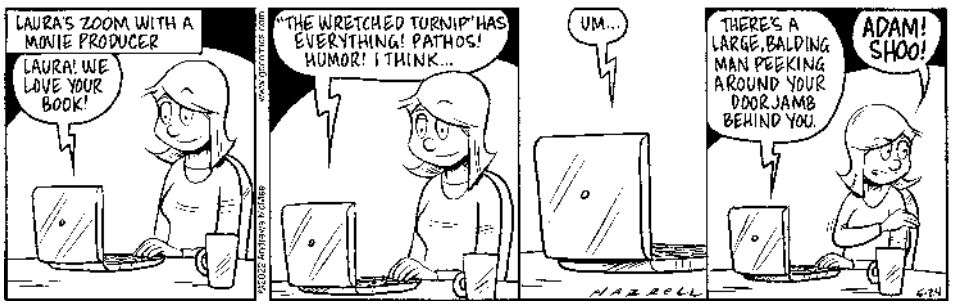
JIM DAVIS 6-24

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset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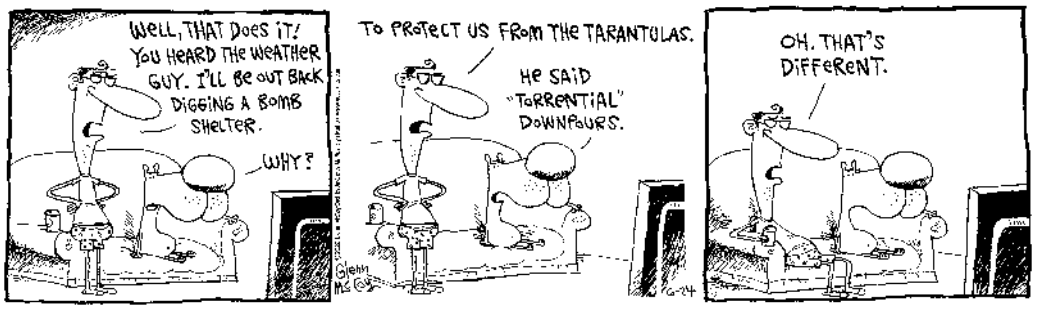
By Glenn McCoy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TO PROTECT US FROM THE TARANTULAS.
HE SAID "TORRENTIAL" DOWNPOURS.
OH. THAT'S DIFFERENT.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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21 Group of three
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26 Hot temper
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32 "Yuck!"
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37 Aromatic herb
40 Stop
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50 Tool set
51 Ostrich's kin

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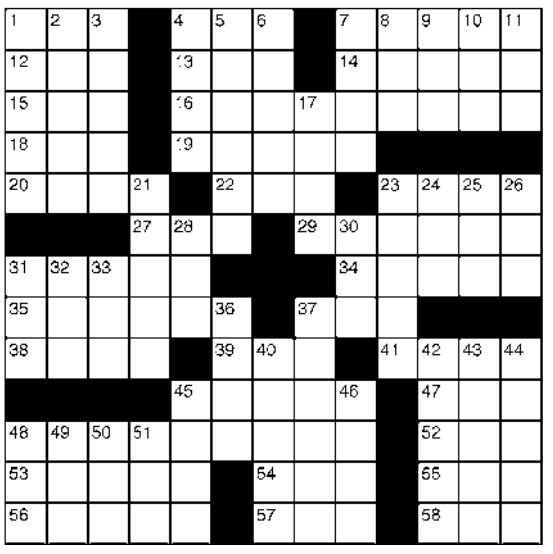

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Happy Birthday: Discipline will pay off this year. Allocate your time and energy wisely. Concentrate on your schedule, and finish what you start. Joint endeavors will take their toll if equality isn't maintained. Invest in yourself, not someone else or something unfamiliar to you. Don't overload your plate or let temptation take over. Change only what's necessary. Your numbers are 9, 17, 22, 24, 35, 38, 44.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Don't do too much too fast. Slow down, live in the moment and be mindful of what's happening. Don't feel you have to upgrade or overspend to impress someone impossible to please. Put your needs first and be patient. Self-improvement is encouraged. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* You'll meet with resistance if you try to make a spontaneous move. Rethink your plans, then pursue what's feasible. Don't follow imprudent people or those making suggestions that can lead to financial loss. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* You'll make valuable connections once you find out where you can be of help or do some good. Expand your circle of friends or nurture a meaningful relationship. Opportunities to improve your life will develop. Self-improvements will boost your morale. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Don't take on more than you can handle. Avoid overspending or partaking in things that aren't good for you. Put health, fitness and financial matters first. Check into gathering information that helps you make positive lifestyle changes. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Don't settle for something that doesn't meet your expectations. Put in the thought, time and energy to get what you want so you can feel good about how you live. Your generous spirit will encourage others to think positively. ✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Go somewhere new, clear your head and strategize your next move. Discuss your intentions with someone who can shed light on what you want to pursue. Refuse to let someone looking out for their interests mislead you. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Be bold but mindful of what others need and want. Share your thoughts and follow through. Channel your energy into partnerships and opportunities that can improve your life and relationships. Self-improvement will boost your confidence. Romance is encouraged. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* You can be unique and entertaining without overspending. If you use your creative imagination, you'll find a way to express yourself and your ideas with enthusiasm. The way you approach people, projects and your lifestyle will change the dynamics of your relationships. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Hold on to what you've got, and utilize your strengths to turn something you enjoy doing into a constructive pursuit. Focus on mental and physical improvements and building a healthy and productive lifestyle. Don't let what others do interrupt your plans. ✪✪✪

CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Domestic adjustments will pay off. Take a unique approach to how you use your money to construct an environment that is sure to please the ones you love and ease your stress. Listen to your heart, and change what bothers you. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* An unnecessary change will disappoint you. You'll make better decisions if you are responsible and reasonable. Stick close to home. Use your money, ideas and energy to turn your place into a convenient and comfortable space to spend with loved ones. ✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Moderation is encouraged. Keep the peace, live within your means and don't take a risk with your health or money. Consider the best way to make improvements that will lower your overhead. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are flexible, outgoing and pioneering. You are unpredictable and entertaining.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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By DAVID OUELLET

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Smith? Holmgren? Banchero? Magic own No. 1 pick in NBA draft

NEW YORK (AP)—Paolo Banchero thinks he should be No. 1. Jabari Smith Jr. is sure he won't go beyond No. 2. Chet Holmgren would be happy with either.

The freshmen have been considered the top three players available, in some order, in the NBA draft. The Orlando Magic will determine who goes first on Thursday night, with the Oklahoma City Thunder and Houston Rockets slated to follow.

Smith, who led Auburn to its first No. 1 ranking, gives a slight edge to himself but is impressed by all three.

"I think I'm perfect because just my ability to affect both sides of the ball and my ability to knock down shots and affect winning at such an early age and early part of my game," Smith said. "So I feel like that's why I'm the No. 1 pick. Those guys are great watching them all season, just how unselfish they are and how much they contributed to their teams so early."

Assuming they are gone in the top three spots, that's when the mystery could start up.

The Sacramento Kings hold the No. 4 pick, a spot that produced last season's Rookie of the Year in Toronto forward Scottie Barnes. They could have players such as Purdue guard Jaden Ivey and Iowa forward Keegan Murray to choose among, though it's unclear which way the Kings might be leaning — or even if they will make the pick at all instead of trading it.

Ivey, an athletic guard who tries to pattern his game like Ja Morant and Russell Westbrook, said he hasn't spoken with the Kings and doesn't sound as if he'd be overly enthused with a conversation.

"If I got drafted there, it wouldn't be the worst option," Ivey said. "I can't pick, I'm not the GM who picks the guys, so I'm kind of just trying to just enjoy this process and whatever happens on draft night, I'm just going to stick with it."

Murray has a much more favorable view of going to play for new coach Mike Brown on a team that hasn't made the playoffs since 2006, the worst drought in NBA history.

"I think for me, being a King, I'd want to be a part of that, that culture, and be a part of the group that can turn that franchise around and get to the playoffs," Murray said.

Before whatever the Kings do, the Magic will make the No. 1 pick for the fourth time. They've done well with big men before, having drafted Shaquille O'Neal and Dwight Howard first, and if they decide to go that way again, Smith or Holmgren would be the call.

The 6-foot-10 Smith doesn't have quite the size of them but has the shooting touch most bigs never will, hitting 42% of his 3-pointers in his one season at Auburn. He also averaged 7.4 rebounds and believes he could defend all three frontcourt spots.

Same with Holmgren, the 7-footer from Gonzaga who has the mobility and shooting range to play on the perimeter, but at 195 pounds could use some more bulk to mix it up inside with NBA centers He's been in the weight room, so that should come, and in the meantime still has plenty to offer.

"I feel like I have a wide variety of skills that compare well with anybody," Holmgren said.

So does Banchero, who averaged 17.2 points while leading Duke to the Final Four. He's been a little bored by the predraft process, which often features individual workouts and rarely game competition. But some encouraging words from Spurs guard Dejounte Murray, a fellow Seattle product, have him excited for what's ahead.

"He's told me to enjoy this draft day," Banchero said. "Live it up, you've only got one draft week, one draft night, but as soon as that 24 hours is over and you're drafted, that's when the real work starts and it's no mercy after that. It's a kill or be-killed type of environment in the NBA, so you're going to have to be locked in from the jump."

Shorter than normal

This year's draft will include only 58 picks instead of the usual 60. The Milwaukee Bucks and Miami Heat have forfeited second-round picks for talking to free agents before allowed.

School ties

Kentucky had six players drafted in 2012 and '15, most for any school since 1989. Mike Krzyzewski thinks he could have five alone in the first round from his final team at Duke, with Banchero being joined by Mark Williams, AJ Griffin, Wendell Moore and Trevor Keels.

"The NBA doesn't just draft on who you are now. They draft on who you might be or who they think you will be. So a lot of the kids who leave early from us, we've developed them up to a point where people see the potential that they have," Krzyzewski said on his SiriusXM radio show, "Basketball and Beyond with Coach K."

Academy Award

Australian Dyson Daniels and Canadian Bennedict Mathurin, who played at Arizona, have a chance to become the second and third graduates of the NBA Academy to be drafted. Josh Giddey of Australia went sixth to the Thunder last season and was a second-team All-

Hornets entering NBA draft with 2 1st round picks, no coach

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—The Charlotte Hornets have two picks in the first round of Thursday night's NBA draft — and no head coach in place to help facilitate those decisions.

Hornets owner Michael Jordan has resumed the search for the organization's next coach after Golden State Warriors assistant Kenny Atkinson on Saturday abruptly backed out of a four-year agreement to coach the team.

Charlotte has the 13th and 15th picks in round one, and general manager Mitch Kupchak is expected to make final decisions with input from Jordan. The team also has the 45th overall selection.

"It is unusual not to have a head coach in place for the draft," ESPN draft analyst Jay Bilas said in a conference call. "You certainly like to keep in mind what your head coach wants to do and how (the player) likes to play. But it's certainly not the be all and end all because most coaches have input, but they don't make those decisions"

Bilas said head coaches don't spend as much time analyzing NBA draft prospects as GMs.

"They may have one that they like, but those decisions are often made by front office people that are spending all their time on talent acquisition," Bilas said. "So it's not some death knell for the 13th and 15th that they don't have a coach in place."

Atkinson's about-face stunned the Hornets and sent Jordan back into hiring mode.

The former Brooklyn Nets head coach had agreed to a deal with the Hornets on June 10, but never signed the contract because the Warriors were playing in the NBA Finals. Eight days later, after the Warriors defeated the Boston Celtics in six games to win the NBA title, Atkinson informed the Hornets he would not be coaching the team.

"We're in a great place, we got great players, we live in a beautiful part of the country, Kenny's got two kids — you know teenagers who really wanted to stay — and I think it's a really difficult thing to try to take a job in the middle of the finals without really getting a chance to unwind," Kerr told NBC Sports earlier this week at at a parade to celebrate the organization's latest championship. "I think over the course of the finals, he just felt it, he felt like this is not the best time for my family and me to leave."

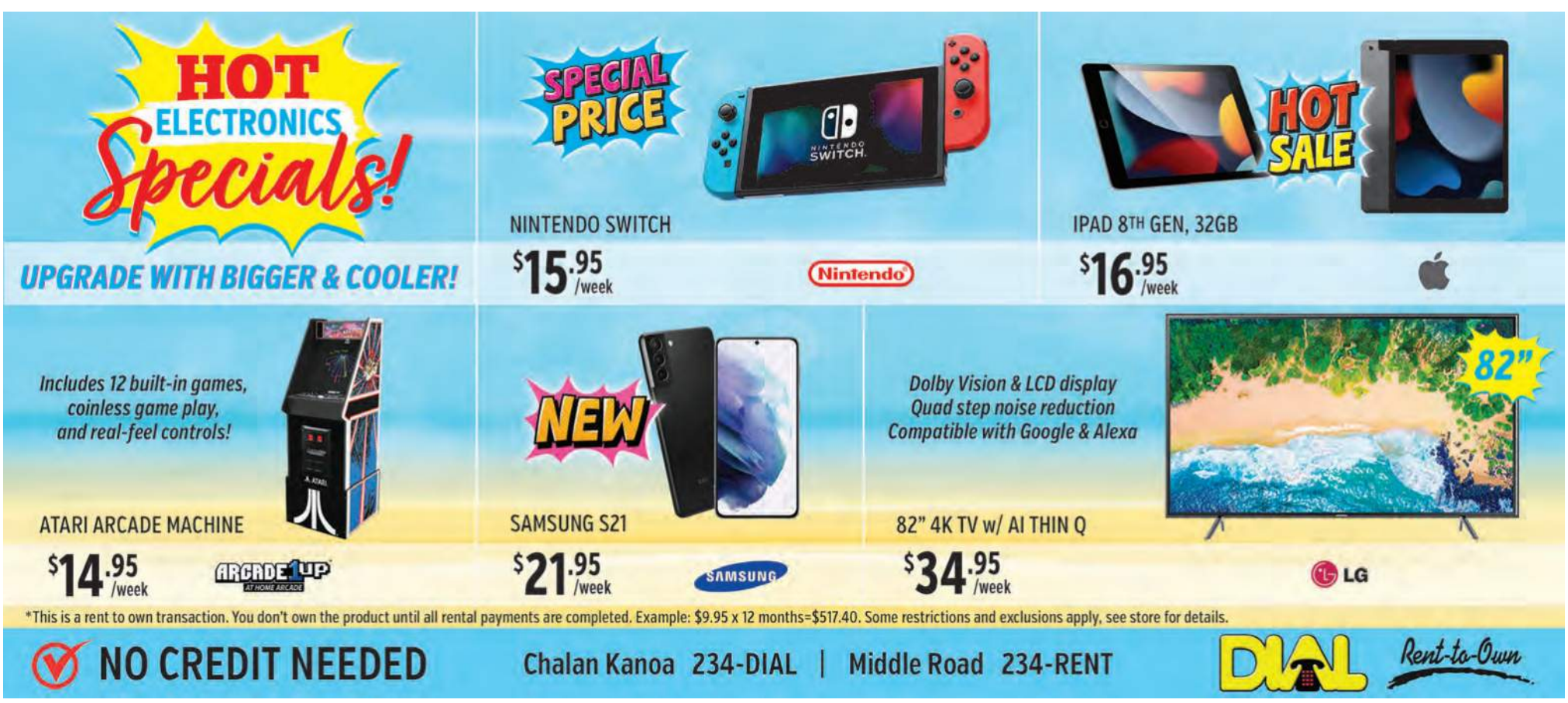
It is unclear if the Hornets will choose from individuals they've already interviewed, including 16-year veteran NBA coach Mike D'Antoni, or open the search to other candidates.

Charlotte did not have a pre-draft news conference this week as they've typically had in the past, and the team has not commented publicly on its coaching search since the decision to fire James Borrego.

The team made progress last season winning 43 games with All-Star LaMelo Ball at point guard. However, it came to an abrupt end as Charlotte lost by 29 points to the Atlanta Hawks in the play-in tournament.

The team has a bevy of needs, most notably finding a big man who can score and serve as a rim protector.

Charlotte has some potential trade prospects — including Gordon Hayward, Terry Rozier and P.J. Washington — that could potentially be part of a draft-night deal.



Orioles' Hays hits for cycle in 6-inning win over Nationals

BALTIMORE (AP)—Austin Hays became the sixth player in Orioles history to hit for the cycle, completing the feat in the midst of a steady shower and shortly before play was halted for good in Baltimore's rain-shortened 7-0 win over the Washington Nationals on Wednesday night.

Soon after Hays doubled in the sixth inning for the cycle, rain stopped play for a second time. The game was eventually called after six innings. The last Baltimore player to hit for the cycle was Jonathan Villar against the Yankees on Aug. 5, 2019. Before that, Brooks Robinson, Cal Ripken Jr., Aubrey Huff, and Felix Pie did it.

Anthony Santander and Trey Mancini also homered for the Orioles, who earned a split of the two-game interleague series.

Baltimore starter Tyler Wells (5-4) got the win with five shutout innings, recording the final out just before the initial rain delay. Wells allowed only three hits but issued a season-high four walks.

Washington starter Patrick Corbin (3-10) gave up three runs and seven hits over four innings.

Angels 5, Royals 0

In Anaheim, Calif., Shohei Ohtani struck out a career-high 13 over eight dominant innings of two-hit ball, and the AL MVP also reached base three times in Los Angeles' victory over Kansas City.

After giving up two singles to start the first, Ohtani (6-4) retired 16 straight Royals and 23 of the final 24 batters he faced. While matching the longest start of his major league career, he allowed just one baserunner over his final seven innings — on a walk that was quickly erased by a double play.

Ohtani also had a single and two walks at the plate in his latest electrifying two-way performance. He hit two three-run homers and drove in a career-high eight runs in an extra-inning loss Tuesday.

Astros 5, Mets 3

In Houston, Yordan Alvarez homered twice off Carlos Carrasco as Houston jumped on him early and held on against New York.

Alvarez hit two of the season-high three homers Carrasco allowed before the pitcher left with lower back tightness in the third inning with the Astros up 5-1. Alvarez, who also homered Tuesday night, now has 21 this season. The 24-year-old Alvarez leads all players with a 1.064 OPS and has hit nine homers in his last 20 games.

Alex Bregman added a two-run homer for the Astros, who won their third straight.

Houston starter Luis García (5-5) yielded six hits and three runs with five strikeouts in five-plus innings for the win. Ryan Pressly pitched a scoreless ninth for his 14th save.

Yankees 5, Rays 4

In St. Petersburg, Fla.. Aaron Judge hit his major league-leading 26th and 27th home runs, Jose Trevino delivered a two-run shot that put New York ahead in the eighth inning and the Yankees beat Tampa Bay.

Judge's 22nd career multi-homer game helped the Yankees come back from a 4-1 deficit after Isaac Paredes hit his fourth home run in two games for the Rays.

Clarke Schmidt (4-2) got the win and Clay Holmes pitched a scoreless ninth for his 12th save in 13 attempts.

The win was the 18th in 21 games for the Yankees, who maintained a 12-game lead in the AL East.

Cardinals 5, Brewers 4

In Milwaukee, Paul Goldschmidt and Nolan Arenado each hit two-run homers as St. Louis beat Milwaukee and moved into first place in the NL Central.

The Cardinals have taken two straight from the Brewers after falling 2-0 in the opener of the four-game series.

Rowdy Tellez and Andrew McCutchen hit solo homers for the Brewers. McCutchen also had an RBI double.

The Cardinals trailed 4-3 before Arenado's sixth-inning drive to left-center — his 14th homer of the season — put St. Louis ahead for good. Goldschmidt went deep to left in the first inning for his 17th homer.

Rangers 4, Phillies 2

In Arlington, Texas, Brad Miller hit a two-run single against his former team and Texas beat Philadelphia for the ninth time in a row to hand Zack Wheeler his first loss in two months.

Kole Calhoun also drove in two runs for the Rangers, whose winning streak against the Phillies dates to the opening day of the 2014 season.

Jon Gray (3-3) won consecutive starts for the first time this season. The right-hander struck out six and walked one while allowing two runs and four hits over 5 2/3 innings. Joe Barlow, the third Texas reliever, worked the ninth for his 13th save.

Wheeler (6-4) lost for the first time in his last 10 starts, since losing his first three starts this season. He struck out eight, but walked three and gave up four runs (two earned) on seven hits in 4 1/3 innings.

AP

Washington Nationals shortstop Luis Garcia, left, pats Baltimore Orioles' Austin Hays on the head after Hays hit a double to complete the cycle, during the sixth inning of a baseball game Wednesday, June 22, 2022, in Baltimore.

Braves 4, Giants 3

In Atlanta, Adam Duvall's run-scoring single capped Atlanta's three-run rally in the ninth as the Braves beat San Francisco.

Duvall's single off Tyler Rogers drove in William Contreras from second base as the Giants wasted another strong start by Carlos Rodón, who allowed only three hits and one run in seven innings.

Jake McGee (1-2) blew a 3-1 lead, built on homers by Mike Yastrzemski and Darin Ruf, by allowing three runs in the ninth. McGee was brought in to close out the lead because Camilo Doval had pitched back-to-back games. Dansby Swanson led off the ninth with a homer off McGee to cut San Francisco's lead to one run. Marcell Ozuna followed with a single to right field and moved to second on Matt Olson's fly ball to deep center field.

Contreras added a single to left field to drive in Ozuna for a 3-3 tie. Right-hander Tyler Rogers struck out Orlando Arcia as Contreras stole second base. The steal proved to be crucial when Duval followed with the game-ending single.

Guardians 11, Twins 10

In Minneapolis, Oscar Gonzalez tied the game with a two-run single and scored on Owen Miller's go-ahead sacrifice fly as Cleveland rallied for four runs in the ninth inning to beat Minnesota.

Gonzalez homered earlier and finished with four RBIs for the surging Guardians, who have won the first two in a three-game series to take a one-game lead over Minnesota atop the AL Central.

Carlos Correa hit two home runs for the Twins, who have lost four of five and are 8-11 in June. Max Kepler and Gio Urshela also went deep for Minnesota.

Sam Hentges (1-0) tossed a scoreless eighth and Emmanuel Clase earned his 17th save with a 1-2-3 ninth for Cleveland, which has won 11 of 13 and is 17-4 since May 30. The young Guardians also won their seventh straight series.

Blue Jays 9, White Sox 5

In Chicago, Bo Bichette hit a grand slam and Alejandro Kirk homered for the second straight game, leading Ross Stripling and Toronto over injury-riddled Chicago.

Bichette's second career slam capped a five-run fourth inning as the Blue Jays avoided a three-game series sweep.

Kirk hit an RBI single in the first and a homer in the third. He tops All-Star fan voting for AL catchers and leads all qualified major league catchers in batting average (.307) and OPS (.857). Kirk batted .364 (8 for 22) with four home runs and eight RBIs in five games against the White Sox this season.

Stripling (4-2) gave up one run in six innings. He scattered five hits and didn't allow a runner past second until Josh Harrison scored from first on a single by Luis Robert in the sixth.

Padres 10, Diamondbacks 4

In San Diego, Jurickson Profar had four hits, drove in two runs and scored twice for San Diego, which jumped on Madison Bumgarner early against Arizona for a three-game sweep.

Jorge Alfaro, whose walk-off single in the 10th inning Tuesday night gave the Padres a 3-2 win, hit a solo homer in the sixth. Rookie José Azocar fell a home run short of the cycle in his first career three-hit game.

Adrian Morejon (1-0) pitched 1 1/3 innings for the win. Nick Martinez pitched the final 3 2/3 innings for his first save.

Padres All-Star slugger Manny Machado missed his third straight game with a sprained left ankle, but manager Bob Melvin returned after missing 11 games while in the COVID protocols.

Dodgers 8, Reds 4

In Cincinnati, Freddie Freeman homered and drove in two runs and Los Angeles extended its winning streak against Cincinnati this season to six games.

Freeman, who tied a season high with five RBIs in the series opener Tuesday, has seven RBIs in the series. He extended his hitting streak to five games with an RBI single in the fifth.

Albert Almora Jr. hit his fifth homer of the season for Cincinnati, which has lost eight straight over two seasons to the Dodgers at Great American Ball Park.

Dodgers left-hander Tyler Anderson, who took a no-hitter into the ninth inning in his last start, allowed three earned runs on five hits in five innings. Alex Vesia (1-0) got the win.

Red Sox 6, Tigers 2

In Boston, Rob Refsnyder hit a two-run homer in the third inning and Boston posted its third series sweep of the season, powering past Detroit.

Jarren Duran and Alex Verdugo each added a two-run double as Boston won for the eighth time in 10 games. Michael Wacha (6-1) pitched six innings, allowing two runs and five hits with seven strikeouts to help the Red Sox improve to a season-high eight games above .500.

Javier Báez hit a two-run homer for the Tigers, who have lost nine of 11.

Marlins 7, Rockies 4

In Miami, Pablo López allowed one unearned run in seven solid innings and Miami beat Colorado.

Garrett Cooper, Jazz Chisholm Jr. and Jorge Soler hit home runs for Miami.

The Marlins, who played their second home game of the season with the retractable roof open at loanDepot Park, will attempt a sweep of the three-game series Thursday.

López (5-3) gave up four hits, walked three and struck out six, ending a winless drought since May 7.

Cubs 14, Pirates 5

In Pittsburgh, Ian Happ and Patrick Wisdom hit two-run homers early and Alfonso Rivas added a grand slam off a position player late as Chicago routed Pittsburgh.

Held to a total of two runs in the first two games of the series, Chicago broke out for seven runs in the second inning against Jared Eickhoff (0-1). Eickhoff made his 2022 debut and allowed 10 runs on 10 hits in 4 1/3 innings. He became the first Pirates pitcher to give up 10 runs in his first outing with the team. He also gave up 10 runs in his first start with the New York Mets in 2021.

Mariners 9, Athletics 0

In Oakland, Calif., Jesse Winker homered for the second straight day, Cal Raleigh also connected and Seattle won consecutive games for the first time in more than two weeks by routing Oakland.

J.P. Crawford doubled twice and drove in two runs. Julio Rodríguez added two hits and scored twice for Seattle, which had dropped seven of nine before starting its road trip with a pair of victories against the worst team in the majors.

The A's fell to 23-47 and used a position player on the mound. Oakland infielder Sheldon Neuse worked a 1-2-3 ninth in his first career pitching appearance.

George Kirby (2-2) allowed five hits and had six strikeouts in six scoreless innings. Seattle's rotation has allowed two earned runs or fewer in 11 consecutive games, the team's longest stretch since a franchise-record 12-game streak in 2014.

Skechers supports Team NMI in Mini Games

Skechers had a piece in Team NMI's sports history, as the host country joined the parade of nations sporting the global lifestyle brand's apparel during the opening ceremonies for the 2022 Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games last weekend at the Oleai Sports Complex track oval.

Skechers provided the 124 NMI athletes and 27 officials track suits, parade shirts, shorts, socks, shoes, and caps for the sponsorship package amounting to around $80,000.

"Team NMI were thrilled when they opened their uniform packages to discover sleek fashionable attire in the latest styles. We were extra proud to march around the track in front of thousands of cheering fans at the opening of the Pacific Mini Games, knowing the distinctive uniforms made us visual standouts. For that, we thank Skechers for making us look awesome," Team NMI chef de mission Bob Coldeen said.

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Athletes and officials of Team NMI make their way to the Oleai Sports Complex track oval during the parade of nations in the opening ceremonies for the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 last weekend.

The design of the Skechers-sponsored parade shirt and track suit tops of Team NMI came from local artist Pete Aldan. It featured the NMI iconic symbols like the sinahi (new moon), proa (sailing boat), and latte stones.

Team NMI is competing in the athletics, badminton, baseball, beach volleyball, gold, tennis, triathlon, va'a, and weightlifting events in the Mini Games from June 17 to 25. This is the first time that Team NMI, through the Northern Marianas Sports Association, has formed a partnership with a global brand.

Skechers, the comfort technology company, was born in Southern California in 1992. The company's collections are available in over 180 countries and territories. In 2021, Skechers achieved a new full year sales milestone of $6.29 billion.

Since 2007, Skechers has been developing business in Asia through a joint venture with Luen Thai Enterprises. The joint venture footprints have expanded in 14 countries and regions in Asia, including Mainland China, Hong Kong SAR., Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, South Korea and so on, with points of sales reaching 4,562. In 2021, the joint venture in Asia sold over a 55million products and reached $1.53 billion net revenue.

Skechers was awarded "Brand of the Future" by Socialone; "Company of the year" by Jiemian News; "Fastest Growing Company" by CBN DATA; Outstanding Brand Image Award" in China Finance Summit; "Best CSR Brand" in China Charity Festival; " Top 10 Trend Brand" by Jiemian News; and "Best Kids Brand" by Cherry Award.

As a global lifestyle brand, Skechers designs, develops, and markets a diverse range of lifestyle and performance footwear, apparel and accessories for men, women and children. It is the company's commitment to make comfort the primary objective in its research and development, and to lead the way in the pursuit of a more comfortable life for everyone. ***(PR)***

Team NMI advances to baseball semifinals

Team NMI advanced to the semifinals of the baseball competition of the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 after overpowering Fiji, 23-3, yesterday at the Francisco "Tan'Ko" M. Palacios Baseball Field.

Guam and Palau are contesting the top spot and played again last night after Guam beat Palau on Wednesday, tying the NMI and Palau in the team standings with 3-1 win-loss records each.

As of press time, NMI is waiting to play the loser of the Guam vs. Palau game. After NMI plays them today at 1pm, the winner will advance to the gold medal game at 6:30pm tonight.

The team who loses the game at 1pm will be the automatic bronze medalist. ***(Leigh Gases)***

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gold for the snatch portion, with his best lift of 118kg. Limes came in third in the snatch to bag bronze with his best lift of 110kg.

Colisao completed all his lifts for the clean & jerk as well with his best lift of 141kg, but Limes lifted more with his best lift of 150kg, giving Limes the gold in the clean & jerk and overall weight and Colisao the silver.

In their weight class, Limes then won gold for the Oceania Weightlifting Championships and Colisao won silver.

Limes told *Saipan Tribune* after the competition that he is more than excited for bagging three gold and one bronze. "I'm just more than happy that it's over. I've been stressing over this for over a year."

Colisao, the youngest lifter for NMI's weightlifting team at 20 years old, said after the competition that it was his first international competition and that he felt good about it. "I treat it more like just another day of training." He said he was not nervous at all.

He added that he dedicates his win to his "family and friends. They're the ones that got me here with everything that's been going in my life. They're the ones who gave me rides to training and all that. I want to thank my mom especially because she's been putting it with me ever since I came back to Saipan and she's been a great help."

In the women's 81kg weight class last Wednesday, Antonette Labausa brought home three silver medals, one for the snatch category with her best lift of 76kg, one for the clean & jerk category with her best lift of 97kg, and one for winning overall in her weight class with a total lift of 173kg. She won silver as well for the Oceania Weightlifting Championship.

In the same weight class, Riella Ann Ichiuo brought home the bronze medal for the snatch category with a lift of 61kg.

Labausa, the seven-year weightlifting veteran and one of the coaches for the team, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that during her competition day, she was "just really excited. I had a lot of friends and family here to watch me and I think it really helped me hype myself up and I was enjoying myself. I just tried to hit my best numbers and I'm glad that I attempted most of my best numbers.

When asked how she felt about the team's performance overall, she said "I'm really proud of them. Honestly, they actually exceeded my expectations. I don't like to be too arrogant, but I was expecting some medals. But I think this exceeded my expectations. So, it was really awesome to see and I'm happy because even the newer guys… were able to come out with some hardware, some gold, so I'm really happy."

Yesterday wrapped up the weightlifting competition of the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022.

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3 of the athletics competition.

"It was an amazing and exciting day with medals in sprints, in middle distance, and in the throw. Wonderful effort all around on the track and field. I'm also really happy we could include our Tinian brothers and sisters in the event and see them medal so we're truly representative of the broader CNMI."

Snyder also made special mention of the dramatic ending in the 4x100m women's relay.

"Also, extremely exciting the 4x100 relay. Effort from all the girls but with a stunning come-from-behind finish from Zari Sapong to clinch the medal."

She also gave Myers a lot of props for staying in there and also commended up-and-comer Kaithlyn Chavez.

"I'm very proud of the work that Denise and Kaithlyn put in. Both did amazing times I can see a bright future for them in athletics. Kaithlyn's time is super competitive and I'm sure it'll only get better. Denise dominated the initial stages of the steeplechase and seeing the effort it took to master all the barriers I'm again super proud of her."

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lantly, 3-6, 6-4, 10-8.

Sinclair and Herras also succumbed to a similar fate in the mixed doubles after the fourth seeds lost steam against No. 1 seed Stubbings and Violet Apisah, 3-6, 6-3, 10-7.

The PNG pair's opponent in the finals will be O'Connell and Breen after the Fijians beat No. 2 Abigail Tere-Apisah and Mark Gibbons, 3-6 7-6(6) 10-8.

Mister, Johnson into beach v-ball semis

Logan Mister and Andrew Johnson advanced to the semifinals of the men's beach volleyball competition yesterday over at the Crowne Plaza sand courts, but not after being extended to a rubber set by New Caledonia.

Mister and Johnson drew first blood with a 21-16 win in the first set, but New Caledonia's Loic Ue and Jonathan Taoupoulou fought tooth and nail in the second to extend it to a deciding third set, 26-24. Team NMI, however, wouldn't be denied as Mister and Johnson booked the semis ticket with a 15-8 win in the final set.

Coach Tyce Mister was ecstatic seeing his boys—Logan is actually his son—make the semifinals.

"I feel awesome, so that put us into the semifinals. So, that puts us in the Top 4 teams."

Johnson said New Caledonia was the best team they played so far in the Games.

"They were very good. We did some scouting online from the Games that they post on YouTube and tried to figure out what their game plan was but they were really good at going over on two and we weren't super ready for that, but overall it was a very intense game and we ended up pulling off the win. I think we were just hungrier for the goal than they were and we just gotta continue moving forward with that hunger," he said.

For Mister, the 6'6" tower of power of the NMI, said it was a puzzle trying to defend New Caledonia early on.

"I couldn't figure out how to block the guy so I was pretty upset about that but we played well and we ended up winning so that's good."

Guerrero, Pangelinan exact revenge on Wallis & Futuna

In badminton, Nathan Guerrero and Janelle Pangilinan exacted some revenge on the team that denied them the bronze in mixed team event by beating Wallis & Futuna's Julien Dauptain and Leilana Likuvalu, 21-14 21-16, in the mixed doubles.

Michaella Serrano also followed her teammates' lead by topping Leilana Likuvalu, 21-10 21-8, in the women's singles.

Malia Takasi and Corentin Likiliki of Wallis & Futuna got their team back on the winning track by topping Windy Fernandez and Leonard Manuel, 21-9 21-12 and 21-21-15, 21-9, respectively.

Zhimin leads women's golf

The CNMI's Zhimin Jin zoomed atop the leaderboard in the women's division of the golf competition at the Coral Ocean Resort golf course. The 15-year-old Marianas High School student currently has a three-round total of 233 to lead New Caledonia's Ines Levelua-Tufele by a shot and Samoa's Faith Vui by two shots.

Over in the men, New Caledonia's Hugo Koch is in the lead with a 219 after 54 holes, followed by Guam's Radge Camacho and Ivan Sablan with identical 121s.

In the team competition, New Caledonia is ahead in the women's field with a score of 720, while New Caledonia and Guam share the men's team leaderboard with scores of 662.

Triathletes place fourth in mixed team

In the mixed team relay of the triathlon event on Rota, Team NMI finished fourth with a time of 1:46.45. New Caledonia came in first and was followed by Tahiti and Fiji. The course started with a 300m swim followed by a 7km bike before concluding with a 1.5km run.

Tahiti dominates anew in *va'a*

Tahiti dominated the *va'a* races yesterday in the waters off the 13 Fishermen Memorial Monument after striking gold in both men's and women's V1 marathon competitions.

For the men's competition, Tuheiarii Bernadino finished the race with a time of 1:35:06; a full 4 minutes ahead of silver medalist Benjamin Legavre of New Caledonia, and 12 minutes ahead of Clayton Horsfall of Fiji.

NMI's Carter Calma took sixth place with a time of 2:06:18, paddling past Palau's Mac Sasao to the finish line with a three-minute difference.

Vaimiti Maoni also claimed another gold medal for Tahiti in the women's V1 competition, winning the competition with a time of 1:46:30. Maoni commented that the course had been slightly difficult, especially with the unfavorable winds, but she persevered, and in the end, while taking advantage of the surf, she made it first. "I made my race and I'm so happy to win this [part of the] Mini Games."

Beating Palau's Uroi Salii by a slight 6 seconds, NMI's Heather Calderwood came in sixth place with a time of 2:14:03.

The V6 long distance races today concludes the *va'a* competition of the Games. ***(with reports from Angel Li and Chrystal Marino)***

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Weightlifters earn 6 more gold medals

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On the last day of the weightlifting competition for the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 at a fully packed Marianas High School Gymnasium, David Barnhouse, Jason Limes, and Joey Colisao managed to dominate the competition with six gold medals.

A day prior, two NMI women lifters—Antonette Labausa and Riella Ann Ichiuo—brought home silver and bronze, respectively.

In yesterday's competition, Barnhouse was one of two lifters in the 109-kg weight class with Timothy Vakuruivalu of Fiji putting up a fighting effort on each of his lifts.

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» Women win silver, bronze

Barnhouse completed four of six of his lifts and managed to hold off Vakuruivalu in the end when he successfully lifted 136kg for his best and final lift, giving him the gold for all categories including the Oceania Weightlifting Championships.

LEIGH GASES

Team NMI weightlifters pose for a photo after the weightlifting competition of the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 at the Marianas High School Gymnasium. Front left sitting, Pipit Ball and Reilla Ann Ichiuo. Middle row from left, Antonette Labausa, Ray Santos, Jason Limes, Leo Apelo, Joey Cosilao, Joey Tudela, and Cheyanne Manuel. Back from left, Emmanuel Aquino and David Barnhouse.

Maria Frica Pangelinan, who raised Barnhouse since he was a 1-year-old, told *Saipan Tribune* after the event that Barnhouse' "commitment and efforts paid off for the CNMI, but credit should also go to Mr. [John] Davis and Ms. Jean Rayphand for their perseverance despite all of the challenges—no place to practice, least attention and assistance provided, but they knew all along that they will be a major contributor to earning more gold for the CNMI."

In the +109kg weight class, Colisao completed all six of his lifts which got him the

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TEAM	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
Papua New Guinea	24	19	10	53
Tahiti	13	12	15	40
Australia	13	2	1	16
Northern Mariana Islands	12	12	6	30
Guam	9	1	9	19
New Caledonia	7	15	16	38
Samoa	7	5	5	17
Fiji	5	13	14	32
Solomon Islands	4	16	5	25
Tonga	4	0	2	6
Kiribati	3	0	1	4
Palau	3	0	0	3
Tuvalu	2	0	0	2
Vanuatu	1	3	1	5
Wallis & Futuna	0	0	4	4
Cook Islands	0	0	3	3
Norfolk Island	0	0	2	2
American Samoa	0	0	0	0
Federated States of Micronesia	0	0	0	0
Nauru	0	0	0	0

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Myers wins silver in steeplechase

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The CNMI's Denise Myers won the silver medal in the 3,000m steeplechase in the athletics competition of the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 last night at the Oleai track & field.

The health and physical education instructor for the Northern Marianas College run and jumped all over the course with a time of 12:18.79. Papua New Guinea's Mary Tenge won the gold in a time of 11:50.24, while Solomon Islands' Sharon Firisua settled for the silver in 12:38:78.

The CNMI also got the bronze in the women's 4x100m relay after Casey Cruz, Kina Rangamar, Maria Quitugua, and Zarina Sapong finished in 53.98.

The PNG quartet of Adrine Monagi, Isila Apkup, Toea Wisil, and Leonie Beau topped the race in 45.85. They were followed by New Caledonia's Atelliana Magoni, Manuella Gavin, Loan Ville, and Esther Wejieme with a time of 48.50.

Dennis Borja also earned a bronze in the 2.56-kg shotput after throwing for 13.64m. Gold went to Tahiti's Tumatai Dauphin with a throw of 15.44m, while PNG's Debona Paraka got silver after a hurl of 13.64.

CNMI national athletics coach Dr. Ron Snyder couldn't be happier with his wards hitting pay dirt in Day

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CNMI, Vanuatu rematch in men's doubles finals

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Colin Sinclair and Robbie Schorr justified their top billing by barging into the finals of the men's tennis doubles of the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 yesterday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

» Sinclair also advances to men's singles finals

The No. 1 seeds beat Guam's Aarman Sachdev and Camden Camacho, 6-1, 6-4, in the semifinals.

Waiting for them in the championship are familiar foes in Vanuatu's Aymeric Mara and Clement Mainguy after the No. 3 seeds got the better of Fiji's Sebastian Tikaram and William O'Connell, 6-2 7-5.

Sinclair and Schorr beat the Vanuatu pair in the rubber doubles of the team event last Saturday to give the CNMI its first gold medal of the Games.

Sinclair also advanced to the finals of the men's singles after overcoming New Caledonia's Gillian Osmont, 6-1 6-2.

His opponent for all the marbles will be Papua New Guinea's Matthew Stubbings who outlasted Fiji's William O'Connell, 6-4 7-6 (2). Sinclair and Stubbings were teammates in the Pacific Oceania team that played Estonia in the Davis Cup Group II earlier this year.

In the women's singles semifinals, PNG's Abigail Tere-Apisah gave her niece, Patricia Apisah, a neat lesson on the tennis court following a 6-0 6-0 win.

She will face another of her nieces in the finals after Violet Apisah dispatched Fiji's Saoirse Breen, 6-4 6-3.

The CNMI lost in the women's doubles semis after Isabel Herras and Asia Raulerson extended Breen and Ruby Coffin to a third set before losing gal-

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